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Grand Royal Arch Chapter

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

October 7, A. L. 5870.



Freemasons. Illinois. Royal Arch Mason
Grand Chapter.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

AT ITS

Twenty-First Annual Convocation,

HELD AT CHICAGO,

October 7, A. L. 5870.

M. E. AUGUSTUS A. MURRAY, Grand High Priest.

M. E. JAMES H. MILES, Grand Secretary.

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PROCEEDINGS.

CHICAGO, ILL., *Oct. 7, A. D. 1870,* }
A. L. 5870, A. I. 2400. }

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois, convened at the Hall of Lafayette Chapter No. 2, in the city of Chicago, on Friday, the 7th day of October, A. I. 2400, at 9 o'clock A. M.

PRESENT:

- M. E. Comp. JOHN M. PEARSON.....*Grand High Priest.*
M. E. Comp. AUGUSTUS A. MURRAY.....*Deputy Grand High Priest.*
E. Comp. JAMES A. HAWLEY.....*Grand King.*
E. Comp. JAMES C. LUCKEY.....*Grand Scribe.*
M. E. Comp. JAMES H. MILES.....*Grand Secretary.*
E. Comp. HARRISON DILLS.....*Grand Treasurer.*
E. Comp. THOMAS MOORE.....*Grand Chaplain.*
E. Comp. HARMAN G. REYNOLDS.....*Grand Prin. Sojourner, p. t.*
E. Comp. WM. J. A. DELANCEY.....*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
E. Comp. HENRY C. CLARKE.....*Grand Master Third Veil.*
E. Comp. HENRY B. PIERCE.....*Grand Master Second Veil.*
E. Comp. JOHN C. REYNOLDS.....*Grand Master First Veil.*
E. Comp. A. W. HITCHCOCK.....*Grand Steward.*
E. Comp. ARNEY R. ROBINSON.....*Grand Tyler.*

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois was opened in ample form.

On motion :

Voted, That the reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Grand Convocation be dispensed with (the printed proceedings being in the hands of the members present).

On motion :

Voted, That all Royal Arch Masons in good standing be invited to seats in this Grand Convocation, as visitors.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint Comps. E. N. Tucker and A. L. Babcock as Assistant Secretaries, the latter having charge of issuing railroad passes.

The Grand Secretary announced the appointment, by the Grand High Priest, of the following Standing Committees :

On Jurisprudence—M. E. Comps. O. H. Miner, L. L. Munn and W. M. Egan.

On Correspondence—Comps. J. H. Miles, A. W. Blakesley and H. G. Reynolds.

On Education—Comps. Wilson Hoag, Levi Lusk and J. B. Samuels.

On Credentials—Comps. A. R. H. Atkins, R. B. Smith and H. W. Hubbard.

On Chartered Chapters—Comps. J. C. McMurtry, A. A. Glenn and J. W. Banker.

On Chapters U. D.—Comps. W. A. Levanway, W. S. Pease and J. C. Smith.

On Accounts—Comps. J. R. Gorin, Geo. O. Ide and W. M. Avise.

On Grievances—Comps. Wm. McMurtry, J. W. Morris and H. F. Clark.

On Charity—Comps. C. Trowbridge, S. T. Osmer and J. H. Shimer.

On Unfinished Business—Comps. D. W. Thomson, E. Blackshaw and I. E. Hardy.

On Address Grand High Priest—Comps. Wm. Rounseville, Samuel Brown and G. W. Staley.

On Visitors—Comps. T. J. Wade, S. Stephens and R. Ashley.

Comp. A. R. Atkins, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which, after correction, was, on motion, received and adopted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois :

The Committee on Credentials fraternally report that the following Most Excellent and Excellent Companions are entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter :

OFFICERS:

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| M. E. Comp. | JOHN M. PEARSON | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| E. " | AUGUSTUS A. MURRAY | <i>Deputy Grand High Priest.</i> |
| " " | JAMES A. HAWLEY | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| " " | JAMES C. LUCKEY | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |
| " " | GEORGE E. LOUNSBURY | <i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i> |
| M. " | JAMES H. MILES | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| " " | HARRISON DILLS | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| " " | THOMAS MOORE | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| " " | H. G. REYNOLDS (<i>pro tem.</i>) | <i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i> |
| " " | W. J. A. DELANCEY | <i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i> |
| " " | H. C. CLARKE | <i>Grand Master Third Veil.</i> |
| " " | H. B. PEIRCE | <i>Grand Master Second Veil.</i> |
| " " | J. C. REYNOLDS | <i>Grand Master First Veil.</i> |
| " " | A. W. HITCHCOCK | <i>Grand Steward.</i> |
| " " | A. R. ROBINSON | <i>Grand Tyler.</i> |

PERMANENT MEMBERS:

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| M. E. Comp. | LOYAL L. MUNN | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| " " | HIRAM W. HUBBARD | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| " " | WILEY M. EGAN | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| " " | ORLIN H. MINER | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| " " | JAMES H. MILES | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| E. Comp. | A. W. BLAKESLEY | <i>Past Dep'y Gr. High Priest.</i> |
| " " | THOS. J. WADE | <i>Past Grand King.</i> |
| " " | JOHN JEWELL | <i>Past Dep'y Gr. High Priest.</i> |

REPRESENTATIVES.

| No. | NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES. | No. | NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES. |
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| 1 | F. W. Tracey.....H. P. | 57 | S. T. Osmer.....H. P. |
| 2 | Samuel Brown.....H. P. | 58 | C. C. Halladay.....H. P. |
| | 1. T. Oviatt.....S. | | E. F. Bull*.....K. |
| 3 | W. H. Broadwell.....H. P. | 59 | W. H. Taylor.....H. P. |
| | Alfred Boungard.....K. | 60 | R. C. Hattenhaur*.....H. P. & S. |
| 4 | Wm. McMurtry*.....H. P. | 61 | George K. Wells.....K. |
| 5 | A. W. Blakesley.....H. P. | 62 | G. E. Monk.....H. P. |
| | J. W. Banker*.....S. | 63 | Fred Bell*.....H. P., K. & S. |
| 7 | John Jewell.....H. P. | 64 | J. M. Morrow.....H. P. |
| 8 | G. D. Hayden.....H. P. | | J. Shultz.....K. |
| | R. B. Smith*.....K. | 65 | W. A. Pierce*.....H. P. |
| | J. E. Hardy*.....S. | 66 | John S. Crum*.....H. P., K. & S. |
| 10 | J. J. Toplin*.....H. P. | 67 | Sylvester Stevens.....H. P. |
| 11 | D. H. Lolis .....H. P. | 68 | A. D. Bascom.....H. P. |
| 12 | C. R. Demming.....H. P. | | Louis Schaffer.....K. |
| 13 | Robt. Freeman.....H. P. | | John Woodman.....S. |
| | M. S. Ellsworth.....K. | 70 | J. R. Patten*.....H. P. & K. |
| | Lewis Ellsworth*.....S. | 71 | P. W. Barclay.....H. P. |
| 14 | A. S. Babcock.....H. P. | 72 | H. G. Dearborn, King* &.....H. P. & S. |
| 15 | T. P. Yerkes.....H. P. | 73 | P. T. Parkhurst.....H. P. |
| 16 | Joseph Holland.....H. P. | 74 | J. W. Morris.....H. P. |
| 17 | H. G. Calhoun*.....H. P. | | J. A. Waugh*.....K. |
| 18 | H. C. Cleveland.....H. P. | 75 | E. Spiller.....H. P., K. & S. |
| 19 | Wm. Ervin.....H. P. | 76 | Oliver Jones*.....H. P. |
| 20 | E. Kirkbride*.....H. P. | 77 | James B. Samuels, King*.....H. P. |
| 21 | John Quinlan*.....H. P. | 78 | J. B. Hatch.....K. |
| | J. K. Gorin*.....K. | | F. S. Hatch*.....S. |
| 22 | Morris Henoch.....H. P. | 79 | W. F. Bromfield.....H. P. |
| | A. K. Bartlett.....S. | 80 | E. Blackshaw.....H. P. |
| | James Walker.....K. | 81 | C. D. Kendall.....H. P. |
| 23 | C. H. Packard*.....H. P. | 82 | Ralph McCormack*.....K. |
| 24 | E. K. Conkling.....H. P. | 84 | T. W. Staley.....H. P. |
| 25 | W. H. Seibert*.....H. P. | 85 | W. H. House.....H. P. |
| 26 | Wm. Spurgin.....H. P. | 86 | L. M. Hilyer*.....H. P., K. & S. |
| | Lee Smith.....K. | 87 | T. A. Brown.....H. P. |
| | S. W. Waddell*.....S. | 88 | W. G. Hubbard*.....H. P. |
| 27 | W. W. Stevens.....H. P. | 89 | Geo. S. Anderson*.....H. P. |
| | John McDonald.....K. | 90 | J. B. Mulliken.....H. P. |
| 28 | George O. Ide.....H. P. | | G. M. Peal.....S. |
| 30 | M. L. Stansbury.....H. P. | 93 | W. S. Pease.....H. P. |
| | Saml. K. Edwards.....K. | 94 | G. W. Hartman.....H. P. |
| 31 | P. A. Armstrong.....H. P. | 95 | A. W. Martin.....H. P. |
| | H. D. Hitchcock.....S. | 96 | J. A. Coburn.....H. P. |
| 32 | Wm. H. Geohegan.....H. P. | 97 | J. B. Miles.....H. P. |
| 33 | J. D. Hamilton*.....H. P. | 98 | J. E. Knable*.....H. P. |
| | H. D. Ferris.....K. | 99 | N. T. P. Robertson.....H. P. |
| | George Gage.....H. P. | 100 | J. D. F. Jennings.....H. P. |
| 35 | D. H. Morgan.....H. P. | 101 | W. H. Scott*.....K. & S. |
| 36 | H. F. Clark.....H. P. | 102 | Wm. T. Vandever H. P. * &.....K. |
| 37 | W. S. Easton*.....K. | 103 | James Douglass.....H. P. |
| 38 | J. L. McCullough*.....H. P., K. & S. | 104 | L. Slocum.....H. P. |
| 40 | J. A. Parker.....H. P. | 105 | J. M. Schermerhorn*.....H. P. |
| 41 | Spencer Dewey.....H. P. | 106 | G. A. Monk.....H. P. |
| | Daniel Brewster.....S. | 107 | J. H. Furman.....H. P. |
| 43 | A. R. Atkins.....H. P. | 108 | A. Sallee.....H. P. |
| | D. A. Cashman.....K. | 109 | J. H. Maxwell.....K. |
| 45 | C. Kirkpatrick.....H. P. | 110 | John W. Page.....H. P. |
| 46 | W. Livingston.....H. P. | 111 | B. F. Newlan.....H. P. |
| 47 | C. Trowbridge.....H. P. | 112 | E. L. Marquis.....H. P. |
| 48 | J. C. Johnson.....K. | | C. Clew.....K. |
| 49 | John Shuld.....K. | | W. Hoag.....K. |
| 50 | H. J. Dunlap.....H. P. | 113 | D. Morgan.....H. P. |
| 51 | J. C. Smith.....H. P. | 114 | L. Johnston.....H. P. |
| 52 | S. O. Vaughn.....H. P. | 115 | James Davie.....H. P. |
| | N. N. Burpee.....K. | 116 | M. P. Keith.....H. P. |
| | A. Diamond.....S. | 117 | S. D. Kirkpatrick*.....H. P. |
| 53 | S. B. Dugger*.....K. & S. | 120 | T. J. Whitehead*.....H. P. |
| 54 | W. W. Fisher.....H. P. | 122 | Wm. McLean.....H. P. |
| 55 | H. L. Martin*.....H. P. | 123 | R. K. Hawley.....H. P. |
| 56 | K. B. Viele*.....H. P. | 124 | A. P. Forsyth.....H. P. |
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| 125 | W. H. BrownK. | 132 | C. C. Armstrong.....S |
| 126 | J. H. Paddock.....H. P | 133 | I W. Agard.....H. P. |
| | John EvansK. | 134 | James MayorH. P. |
| 127 | John Start*.....H. P., K. & S. | | A. Tuttle*.....K. |
| 129 | E. C. Rooney .....H. P. | 135 | R. T. Higgins.....H. P. |
| 130 | James Thompson.....H. P. | 136 | A. B. Carey*.....H. P. |
| 131 | F. J. Urech.....H. P. | 137 | A. A. Glenn.....H. P. |
| 132 | A. H. Magoon .....K. | 138 | J. H. Lawrence .....K. |

Those marked * are proxies.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ROBERT B. SMITH,
A. R. ATKINS,
H. W. HUBBARD, } *Committee.*

The M. E. Grand High Priest then delivered his Annual Address, which was, on motion of M. E. Comp. L. L. Munn, referred to the Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address.

*ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.**Companions of the Grand Chapter of Illinois :*

It gives me no small pleasure, after the lapse of a year, to meet you again in Grand Convocation, and I have still greater pleasure in being able to inform you that since we last met, no cause of disturbance has arisen, but that unusual harmony and peace have prevailed—not that peace resulting from inactivity, for our chapters have been busy and have done much work—but that peace that always results from a faithful compliance with our Laws, and patient, earnest work in disseminating the sublime principles of our Royal Art.

Immediately on the adjournment of the Grand Chapter in October last, I issued my proxy to certain Worthy Companions to constitute and install the officers of the several Chapters chartered at that Convocation, due returns of which have been made in the following instances :

Perry, No. 135, by W. B. Grimes, December 20, 1869.

Vandalia, No. 136, by W. S. Pease, December 23, 1869.

Mount Sterling, 137, by Levi Lusk, October 9, 1869.

Kedron, No. 138, by Jno. C. Reynolds, November 30, 1869.

During the past year I have issued Dispensations for new Chapters as follows :

In doing this I have made careful inquiry as to the condition of the Craft in the vicinity, and trust they will be able to conduct their business in a truly workmanlike manner. Still I would enjoin upon the Committee upon Chapters U. D., to examine their work carefully, and add to this also inquiry into the real prospects of the order, so that we may not grant charters where they are not really needed, and when they will not receive ample support to ensure their successful operation.

On the 19th day of October, 1869, to Leon Hart and the requisite number of Companions, on the recommendation of Goodbrake Chapter, No. 59, to open and form Hope Chapter, at Farmer City, Dewitt County. Shortly after this dispensation was granted, Comp. Hart was obliged to remove to Champaign, thus leaving the young Chapter when his loss was most felt, and owing to this, and perhaps some other causes, they were not able to build up themselves as I hoped. After some considerable correspondence with Comp. James Ross, Acting High Priest, and with the advice of both Comp. Ross and Comp. Purcell, who was the appointed Scribe, I determined to revoke the dispensation, and received the books and property of said Chapter. Their returns will show the amount of work done and who are entitled to dimits from the Grand Secretary. The Dispensation fee I have included in my account to the Grand Chapter, and recommend that the balance, after deducting the regular returns, be paid to Comp. James Ross, by him to be used in settling the debts of the Chapter. The books and property have been turned over to the Grand Secretary. No regular meeting appears to have been held since May 6, 1870.

On the 7th of December, 1869, on the recommendation of Freeport Chapter No. 23, to Geo. A. Smith and the requisite number of Companions, to form and open a Chapter at Lanark, Carroll County.

On the 4th day of February, 1870, on the recommendation of Carrollton Chapter

No. 77, to John L. White and the requisite number of Companions, to form and open Jerseyville Chapter, at Jerseyville, Jersey County.

On the 8th day of February, 1870, on the recommendation of Nashville Chapter No. 89, to E. C. Pace and the requisite number of Companions, to form and open Ashley Chapter, at Ashley, Washington County.

On the 11th day of February, 1870, on the recommendation of Joliet Chapter No. 27, to W. H. Odell and the requisite number of Companions, to form and open Wilmington Chapter, at Wilmington, Will County.

On the 16th day of February, 1870, on the recommendation of Stapleton Chapter No. 9, to M. L. Read and the requisite number of Companions, to form and open Clarke Chapter, at Beardstown, Cass County.

During the late war, Clarke Chapter No. 29, surrendered their charter, together with the books and papers, and ceased to exist. The Companions named in the Dispensation, were formerly members of Clarke Chapter, and now desire to resume their old name and number among our Chapters. They also asked for Dispensation without fee; this I did not feel authorized to grant under the By-Laws, but promised to refer the matter, with the statement of circumstances, to the Grand Chapter, for such action as they might think best to adopt.

On the 18th day of March, 1870, on the recommendation of Lafayette Chapter No. 2, to Orvis French and the requisite number of Companions, to form and open University Chapter, at Evanston, Cook County.

On the 18th day of March, 1870, on the recommendation of Fairbury Chapter No. 99, to Louis Zeigler and the requisite number of Companions, to form and open Chenoa Chapter, at Chenoa, McLean County.

On the — day of March, 1870, on the recommendation of Franklin Chapter No. 15, to S. V. Crossman and the requisite number of Companions, to form and open Edwardsville Chapter, at Edwardsville, Madison County.

On the 23rd day of March, 1870, on the recommendation of Fairbury Chapter No. 99, to Elisha Williams and the requisite number of Companions, to form and open Odell Chapter, at Odell, Livingston County.

The returns of most of these Chapters are in the hands of the Grand Secretary, together with their records and By-Laws, with petitions for charters, which will be duly reported upon by your Committee on Chapters U. D.

In the month of May last, application was made to me by the requisite number of Companions, for Dispensation to form and open a Chapter in the City of Chicago. This petition was recommended by four out of the five Chapters in the city. The names of the petitioners themselves were a guarantee that good work would be done, and I had no doubt of their ability to sustain a Chapter. In 1864 the Grand Chapter resolved, "that no new Chapter should be formed in the City of Chicago except upon the recommendation of all the Chapters at work in the city," this, although of doubtful authority as law, had been required since that time, and I did not wish to assume the responsibility of even the semblance of trespass upon the expressed wish of the Grand Chapter. A petition for a charter will probably be presented when the Grand Chapter can take such action as justice to all interested may seem to require.

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I have made no appointment of Grand Lecturer during the past year, and had hoped that no occasion would demand it, and that each H. P. would be able to perfect himself * * * * with such assistance as he might be able to procure from the neighboring Chapters. But frequent letters from Companions, and personal interviews with many of you, have convinced me that much more rapid progress could have been made than in this way. Many of our Chapters have incurred the expense of sending a long distance to procure aid. This, in some instances, they have been illy able to afford, and the question has arisen whether a more economical and effectual way could not be devised. The Grand Chapter for the past two years has been engaged in a strenuous effort to secure and promote a uniform system of work. This effort, as I remarked before, has been attended with good success. But better results still are in our power, and I trust you will endeavor to attain them. It has been suggested to me, and, after careful consideration, it meets my approval, that, if the Grand Chapter could secure the services of some Companion well skilled in the work, and send him, during the coming year, to visit every Chapter in our jurisdiction, and inspect their condition and give such instruction as needed, much good might be done. I would also suggest, that while thus engaged, he should also examine into the condition of the Chapter and the manner of closing business, whether the records are properly kept and the Chapter supplied with suitable clothing and furniture. A weekly report of his actions, to be made to the Grand High Priest, would afford much valuable information to that officer. A fixed salary to be paid by the Grand Chapter, and the necessary traveling expenses, which would be right, to be paid by the subordinate Chapters.- This work, once done, need not be repeated for many years, and I think would amply repay us for the labor and expense. I ask for it your careful consideration.

I respectfully recommend that some action be taken by this Grand Chapter in relation to the granting of Special Dispensations. As we increase in numbers these applications will become more numerous and for more varied reasons. Our Constitutions nor our By-Laws do not, as in the case of the Grand Lodge, give any rules to govern these matters, nor fix any amount of fee to be charged. Dispensations have been asked for, which, in my opinion, should not be granted by any officer, and a fixed rule of the Grand Chapter would prevent the request ever being made. In my account rendered herewith, twenty-six dollars is reported as collected from Special Dispensations. This has not been collected under any fixed rule, for the reason just given. Early in the year applications were made, some of them enclosing the supposed fee and some asking the amount required. I adopted the minimum fee collected by the Grand Lodge, and made memorandum of the same upon the Dispensation. In some instances no return has ever been made of any action had upon Special Dispensation, which I conceive to be irregular, as the G. H. P. should know what was done and the Dispensation be properly returned. I have also unofficial information that elections have been held in some subordinate Chapters, at their own convenience and not at the time specified in their By-Laws. There seems to be a necessity for some legislation on the subject, that all may know what the Grand Chapter expects from its subordinates.

Some complaint has been made to me of the practical operation of "Resolution in Force No. 21." Master Masons have been regularly elected to receive the

degrees and so declared by the H. P. and entered upon the minutes,—objection is made by a Companion and the degrees are not conferred, thus the matter stands. The fee received with the petition is not returned and the candidate is placed in a very uncertain condition. An instance has occurred where the matter had lain so long that not an officer of the Chapter had any knowledge of the matter. The objector and all interested, had passed from the stage of action, and only the unfortunate Brother had any recollection of the matter. It is claimed, and not, I think, without reason, that the objection thus urged should not have more weight than the ballot itself, and if not removed or withdrawn within a reasonable time, that the fee should be returned and the Brother declared rejected, this would dispose of the matter, and the Brother would then be in the same position as if he had been rejected by the ballot, and of course at liberty to apply again at the expiration of twelve months.

For the last few years our income has been steadily increasing, and now amounts to more than our needs, and, with ordinary prudence and economy, I think we might safely reduce the amount collected of the subordinate Chapters. It has never been the expressed wish of this Grand Chapter to accumulate a fund, and I very much doubt the expediency of any such action. The Constitution gives to the Grand Chapter the right to “require from its subordinates such dues and fees as will at all times discharge the engagements of the Grand Chapter.” With deference to your wisdom in this matter, as in all others, I suggest that these be lessened to conform with our present prosperous circumstances.

Many of our subordinates, with laudable ambition, are endeavoring to furnish for themselves comfortable halls and suitable clothing, and this could be rendered easier for them if we could reduce the amount of dues and fees. Further than this, an overflowing treasury always tends to increase our expenditures, and while living close to our income, we shall more carefully guard against extravagance. At the proper time I trust you will give this matter your careful consideration.

In all our doings I hold it to be the part of wisdom to learn all that we can from our friends, and in this connection I wish to quote the example of the Grand Lodge in regard to the management of its printing, and still further to urge a more systematic management of our finances. Our By-Laws provide that “no disbursement shall be made from the funds, unless by vote of Grand Chapter.” Now in many instances this is attended with trouble and delay, unless appropriations are made upon estimates in advance. This could easily be done by the Committee on Accounts, and the Grand High Priest authorized to draw upon these appropriations; thus the salary of our Grand Secretary should be paid at least quarterly, and the cost of printing should be met promptly upon the completion of the work, and perhaps a contingent fund at the disposal of the Grand High Priest to meet current expenses. These bills have always, I am happy to be able to state, been promptly paid, but it has been done by virtue of precedent, and in confidence that the Grand Chapter would pass the necessary vote at its next Convocation. I leave it to your wisdom to devise a better way and in accordance with the written law.

I have been asked for a Dispensation to receive the petition of a non-affiliated Master Mason. I have always held that Special Dispensations should only be granted to allow a *temporary* suspension of our rules, and as this would involve

more than this, and might even operate to set aside the resolution entirely, I declined to grant it. On the other hand, I have been asked "if Master Masons made in a Lodge U. D., and petitioners for a charter from the Grand Lodge, should be considered non-affiliated until action was had in their case by the Grand Lodge?" I was somewhat at a loss how to decide this matter. You, of course, understand the case without further details,—there is room for argument on both sides. Nevertheless, remembering well the discussion upon the resolution, in this Grand body in 1859, and that the intention was only to exclude from the privileges of our order those who were unwilling to assume the duties of Master Masons, and not regarding these Brethren in that light, but rather the reverse, I gave permission to the Chapter to receive their petitions. I would like the opinion of the Grand Chapter on this case, and shall not feel any embarrassment if they reverse my action. I only decided upon the best light I could get, and the opinion of other and older Royal Arch Masons than myself, whom I consulted upon the matter.

I wish before concluding, to express to you the sense of gratitude I feel to our Grand Secretary for the prompt attention to the duties of his office, by which my own labors have been so materially lightened. It is a work of no small magnitude to promptly conduct all the correspondence of his office and carefully examine all returns, noting any errors, and often returning them for corrections, thus avoiding delay in the hours of our session and lessening the work of your Committees. I congratulate you upon having obtained a worthy successor to him who has been truly styled the best Grand Secretary in the United States, and who served us so long before.

And now, Companions, the year of my service has nearly expired, its record is almost made up. I am not at all sure that the work has always been done in the best possible manner, but on the other hand I am not conscious of ever having intentionally neglected your interests. My official and personal relations with you all, have been most pleasant, and so long as I live I shall carry with me most pleasing recollections of the past year. My best wish for you, is that you may prosper in the future as in the past, laboring to rebuild our city and Temple, resting assured that your labors shall not go unrewarded.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. PEARSON, *Grand High Priest.*

On motion of Comp. J. C. Luckey it was

Resolved, That the Grand Officers, Representatives highest in rank and members of Committees not included in the Report of the Committee on Credentials, be allowed mileage and per diem, as per pay roll prepared by the Grand Secretary.

Comp. J. C. McMurtry, from the Committee on Chartered Chapters, presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted, subject to correction by the Grand Secretary.

REPORT—CHARTERED CHAPTERS.

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois :

The undersigned, Committee on Chartered Chapters, respectfully report that they have examined the work and returns of the Chapters submitted to them, and present the following comments, statements and statistics as the result of their labors :

In the blanks for returns sent to the Chapters by the Grand Secretary, it was intended to report not only the number of candidates "marked," "installed" and "received," but also the present number of members in each degree, but the Secretaries of many Chapters misunderstood the instructions, and have so mixed up these items that the Committee cannot make any report on them, and have therefore omitted them from the abstract.

Carrollton Chapter No. 77, and Ford No. 113, according to their returns, exalted less or more than the legal number of candidates at one time, thereby violating Resolution No. 22.

Springfield Chapter No. 1, returns Comp. Vincent Ridgeley as a non-resident member, he living in Adams County, Illinois.

Chicago Chapter No. 127, drops Comp. G. W. Rogers from its list of members, with the explanation that "he was only a Charter member and pays no dues."

Jasper No. 109 omits to report one member or pay dues on four members. Your Committee recommend that the returns of Fox River Chapter No. 14 be returned by the Grand Secretary for correction, there being some discrepancies therein the Committee cannot reconcile.

Duquoin Chapter No. 44 has made returns but paid no dues for two years, thereby forfeiting its charter. Lacon Chapter No. 42 has made no returns for two years, thereby forfeiting its charter. Auburn Chapter No. 92, and Sullivan No. 128, have made returns, but paid no dues. Edgar Chapter No. 32, exalts a candidate at the request of Nachusa No. 56, but neither Chapter returns the member or pays dues thereon. All other returns, except as noted, seem to be correct.

The thanks of the Committee are due and are hereby tendered to the Grand Secretary for his labors in corresponding with the Secretaries of Chapters, and in correcting their returns, thereby greatly lessening the labors of your Committee.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

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| JAS. C. McMURTRY, A. A. GLENN, J. W. BANKER, | } | Committee. |
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TABULAR STATEMENT—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS.

| Names and Numbrs. | Dues p'd | Members 1869 | Resident Members | Non rest Members | Members 1870 | Exalted | Admitt'd | Restored | Died. | Dimitt'd | Expelled | Susp'd | Net Increase. | Net Decrease | Remarks. |
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| Springfield..... | 1 | 148 | 126 | 28 | 154 | 12 | 2 | | 3 | 5 | | | 6 | | |
| Lafayette..... | 2 | 202 | 282 | 39 | 311 | 33 | | | | 4 | 4 | 2 | | | |
| Jacksonville..... | 3 | 115 | 120 | 3 | 123 | 27 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | | | 23 | | |
| Harcub..... | 4 | 29 | 47 | 1 | 47 | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Quincy..... | 5 | 80 | 124 | 22 | 146 | 9 | 2 | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 | ..... | ..... |
| Shawneetown..... | 6 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Charter Forfeited. |
| Peoria..... | 7 | 71 | 118 | 20 | 138 | 6 | 2 | ..... | 4 | 7 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 | ..... |
| Alton..... | 8 | 50 | 108 | 14 | 103 | 3 | ..... | ..... | 5 | 2 | ..... | 1 | ..... | 5 | ..... |
| Stapleton..... | 9 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Charter Surrendered. |
| Union..... | 10 | 46 | 52 | 4 | 59 | 9 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | 7 | ..... | ..... |
| Meredosia..... | 11 | 24 | 36 | ..... | 36 | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Mt. Zion..... | 12 | 26 | 29 | 25 | 29 | 6 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | 4 | ..... | ..... |
| Euclid..... | 13 | 17 | 47 | 34 | 13 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Fox River..... | 14 | 71 | 159 | 135 | 22 | 6 | 1 | ..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Franklin..... | 15 | 41 | 49 | 46 | 10 | 9 | ..... | ..... | 1 | 2 | ..... | ..... | 7 | ..... | ..... |
| Herman..... | 16 | 16 | 50 | 33 | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 | ..... |
| Illinois..... | 17 | 11 | 59 | 23 | 6 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Barrett..... | 18 | 42 | 85 | 73 | 14 | 3 | 3 | ..... | ..... | 4 | ..... | ..... | 2 | ..... | ..... |
| Morse..... | 19 | 50 | 104 | 89 | 11 | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 | ..... |
| Lusk..... | 20 | 15 | 34 | 30 | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 | ..... |
| Macon..... | 21 | 66 | 50 | 97 | 5 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Aurora..... | 22 | 105 | 175 | 150 | 37 | 9 | 1 | ..... | 1 | 2 | ..... | ..... | 3 | ..... | ..... |
| Freeport..... | 23 | 99 | 135 | 126 | 24 | 15 | 1 | ..... | ..... | 3 | ..... | 3 | 12 | ..... | ..... |
| Winnebago..... | 24 | 103 | 142 | 147 | 7 | 15 | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 15 | ..... | ..... |
| Pekin..... | 25 | 18 | 47 | 36 | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12 | ..... | ..... |
| Bloomington..... | 26 | 89 | 122 | 113 | 18 | 12 | 1 | ..... | 4 | 2 | ..... | 5 | 9 | ..... | ..... |
| Joliet..... | 27 | 98 | 132 | 136 | 8 | 14 | 1 | ..... | ..... | 4 | ..... | ..... | 12 | ..... | ..... |
| Princeton..... | 28 | 69 | 68 | 3 | 71 | 6 | 1 | ..... | 1 | 3 | ..... | ..... | 2 | ..... | ..... |
| Clarke..... | 29 | 70 | 99 | 11 | 110 | 15 | 1 | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... |
| Warren..... | 30 | 27 | 44 | 4 | 47 | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | 13 | ..... | ..... |
| Orient..... | 31 | 85 | 00 | ..... | 90 | 20 | ..... | ..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Edgar..... | 32 | 85 | 00 | ..... | 53 | 21 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 | ..... | 6 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Carthage..... | 33 | 68 | 50 | 33 | 58 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20 | ..... | ..... |
| McHenry..... | 34 | 14 | 00 | 32 | 28 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... |
| Harmony..... | 35 | 28 | 00 | 3 | 23 | 9 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | 2 | 6 | ..... | ..... |
| Woodstock..... | 36 | 51 | 00 | 78 | 20 | | | | 2 | | | | | 3 | |
| Shabbona..... | 37 | 54 | 50 | 85 | 93 | 6 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | | | 4 | | |
| Richtland..... | 38 | 21 | 50 | 43 | 46 | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | |

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| Elwood | 39 | 10 00 | 22 | 18 | 2 | 20 | | | | | | | Charter Surrendered. |
| Husonville | 40 | 50 00 | 80 | 76 | 2 | 78 | | | | | | | |
| Waukegan | 41 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lacon | 42 | | 263 | 282 | 25 | 307 | 48 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 2 | Charter Forfeited. |
| Washington | 43 | 237 00 | 45 | 37 | 5 | 42 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 44 | |
| DuQuin | 44 | | 39 50 | 35 | 43 | 1 | 44 | | | | | | Charter Forfeited. |
| Egyptian | 45 | 39 50 | 48 | 61 | 31 | 92 | 9 | 1 | | | 1 | 9 | |
| Galesburg | 46 | 48 50 | 88 | 61 | 10 | 50 | 3 | 2 | | | 4 | 4 | |
| Kewanee | 47 | 26 50 | 31 | 29 | 3 | 32 | 3 | | | | 1 | 4 | |
| Mark Well | 48 | 20 50 | 83 | 72 | 12 | 84 | | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Sycamore | 49 | 42 00 | 31 | 29 | 3 | 32 | 3 | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Champaign | 50 | 30 50 | 42 | 37 | 6 | 43 | 6 | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Jo Daviess | 51 | 53 50 | 55 | 59 | 6 | 65 | | | | | 1 | 10 | |
| DeKalb | 52 | 61 50 | 89 | 87 | 10 | 97 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | |
| Burke | 53 | 18 00 | 38 | 36 | 2 | 38 | | | | | | | |
| Keystone | 54 | 36 00 | 48 | 48 | 2 | 50 | 6 | | | | 1 | 2 | |
| Jackson | 55 | 18 00 | 46 | 36 | 4 | 40 | | | | | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Nachusa | 56 | 54 00 | 80 | 84 | 7 | 91 | 6 | | | | 2 | 2 | |
| Sterling | 57 | 37 00 | 56 | 50 | 8 | 58 | | | | | 3 | 2 | |
| Cement | 58 | 21 00 | 69 | 42 | 7 | 69 | | | | | | | |
| Goodlake | 59 | 41 50 | 62 | 59 | 3 | 62 | 6 | 1 | | | | | |
| Peru | 60 | 20 50 | 52 | 41 | 9 | 50 | | | | | | | 2 |
| Tyrian | 61 | 62 30 | 52 | 41 | 9 | 50 | | | | | | 20 | |
| Lebanon | 62 | 53 50 | 80 | 75 | 10 | 85 | 8 | | | | | 5 | |
| Montgomery | 63 | 68 00 | 70 | 76 | 4 | 80 | 15 | | 1 | 4 | | 10 | |
| Salem | 64 | 74 50 | 39 | 54 | 6 | 60 | 24 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 21 | |
| Bement | 65 | 15 01 | 31 | 30 | | 30 | | | | | | | 1 |
| Tuscola | 66 | 60 50 | 86 | 85 | 2 | 87 | 9 | 1 | | 5 | 4 | 1 | |
| Vermont | 67 | 20 50 | 42 | 41 | | 41 | | | | | | | 1 |
| Canton | 68 | 37 50 | 51 | 51 | 3 | 54 | 6 | | | | 1 | 3 | |
| Carrollton | 69 | 146 50 | 146 | 101 | 14 | 175 | 33 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 29 | |
| Marshall | 70 | 60 00 | 33 | 48 | 3 | 51 | 18 | | | | | 18 | |
| Cairo | 71 | 22 00 | 55 | 32 | 8 | 40 | 3 | | | | | | 15 |
| Augusta | 72 | 44 00 | 94 | 76 | 15 | 91 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 16 | 3 | |
| Lansing | 73 | 32 00 | 58 | 52 | 6 | 58 | 3 | | | 2 | 1 | | 1 |
| Mount | 74 | 12 00 | 29 | 24 | 6 | 30 | | | | | | | 1 |
| Reynolds | 75 | 24 50 | 39 | 37 | 3 | 40 | 3 | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Mason | 76 | 24 00 | 37 | 36 | 1 | 37 | 3 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Carrollton | 77 | 77 50 | 75 | 87 | 3 | 90 | 17 | 1 | 3 | | 2 | | 15 |
| Kankakee | 78 | 47 50 | 54 | 59 | 1 | 60 | 9 | | 3 | 3 | 15 | 6 | |
| Mendota | 79 | 60 00 | 69 | 72 | 6 | 78 | 12 | | 1 | 2 | 9 | 9 | |
| Urbana | 80 | 29 50 | 50 | 47 | 3 | 50 | 3 | | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | |
| Louisville | 81 | 22 00 | 31 | 32 | | 32 | 3 | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 |
| Vermilion | 82 | 33 00 | 42 | 42 | 4 | 46 | 6 | | 2 | | 4 | 4 | |
| Carmi | 83 | 23 50 | 34 | 35 | | 35 | 3 | | | | | | 1 |
| Harman G. Reynolds | 84 | 48 50 | 41 | 49 | 5 | 54 | 12 | | 1 | | | 13 | |

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| Names and Numbers. | Dues p'd | Members 1869. | Resident Members | Non res't Members | Members 1870. | Expelled. | Admitt'd | Restored | Died. | Demit't'd | Expelled | Susp'd'd | Net Increase. | Net Decrease | Remarks. |
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| Mattoon..... | 85 | 42 | 40 | 3 | 43 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Havana..... | 86 | 27 00 | 61 | 54 | 58 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Effingham..... | 87 | 16 50 | 33 | 33 | 35 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| Barry..... | 88 | 32 00 | 55 | 52 | 58 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | |
| Nashville..... | 89 | 17 50 | 41 | 35 | 38 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Kishwaukee..... | 90 | 28 50 | 54 | 10 | 55 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | |
| Geo. L. Dunlap..... | 91 | 18 00 | 46 | 36 | 42 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Auburn..... | 92 | 50 00 | 48 | 41 | 46 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | Dues unpaid. |
| Centralia..... | 93 | 50 00 | 48 | 52 | 57 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Homer..... | 94 | 16 00 | 21 | 20 | 23 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | |
| Rabboni..... | 95 | 13 00 | 32 | 26 | 32 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Loyal L. Munn..... | 96 | 35 00 | 57 | 59 | 60 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | |
| Tazewell..... | 97 | 22 50 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | |
| Eureka..... | 98 | 50 00 | 59 | 47 | 47 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Fairbury..... | 99 | 46 00 | 61 | 56 | 62 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | |
| Marion..... | 100 | 55 50 | 44 | 51 | 54 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | |
| Metropolitan..... | 101 | 37 00 | 46 | 50 | 50 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | |
| Taylorville..... | 102 | 43 50 | 32 | 37 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Staley..... | 103 | 36 50 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Clayton..... | 104 | 32 50 | 41 | 41 | 43 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | |
| Lena..... | 105 | 30 00 | 57 | 50 | 60 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Belleville..... | 106 | 30 00 | 41 | 41 | 45 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | |
| Sandwich..... | 107 | 34 00 | 46 | 44 | 45 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Fulton..... | 108 | 40 00 | 36 | 44 | 47 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | |
| Newton..... | 109 | 17 50 | 27 | 27 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Woodford..... | 110 | 17 00 | 20 | 22 | 22 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | |
| Dallas..... | 111 | 26 00 | 24 | 28 | 30 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | |
| New Rutland..... | 112 | 54 00 | 57 | 60 | 67 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | |
| Ford..... | 113 | 56 00 | 33 | 44 | 48 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | |
| Watseka..... | 114 | 38 50 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | |
| Pana..... | 115 | 10 00 | 38 | 16 | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Stanton..... | 116 | 43 50 | 23 | 37 | 37 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | |
| Palatine..... | 117 | 23 50 | 29 | 29 | 31 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | |
| Milton..... | 118 | 10 50 | 29 | 21 | 21 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| DeWitt..... | 119 | 37 00 | 29 | 38 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Elliott..... | 120 | 42 00 | 41 | 48 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Mt Pulaski..... | 121 | 17 50 | 24 | 24 | 26 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Odin..... | 122 | 33 50 | 29 | 33 | 35 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |

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| Chillicothe..... | 123 | 16 90 | 19 | 21 | 1 | 22 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| Sangamon..... | 124 | 20 00 | 27 | 28 | 1 | 28 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Kan..... | 125 | 26 90 | 25 | 29 | 7 | 30 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | ..... |
| W. M. Egan..... | 126 | 47 00 | 56 | 58 | 7 | 65 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 | ..... |
| Chillicothe..... | 127 | 61 00 | 62 | 74 | 2 | 74 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12 | ..... |
| Sullivan..... | 128 | ..... | 25 | 22 | 2 | 24 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5 | ..... |
| Nathan Whitney..... | 129 | 27 00 | 27 | 30 | 2 | 32 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | ..... |
| El Paso..... | 130 | 29 00 | 40 | 34 | 6 | 40 | 6 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... |
| Payson..... | 131 | 18 00 | 18 | 15 | 2 | 17 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5 | ..... |
| Girard..... | 132 | 28 00 | 27 | 32 | ..... | 32 | 6 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7 | ..... |
| Wyoming..... | 133 | 26 10 | 21 | 28 | 1 | 28 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | ..... |
| La Harpe..... | 134 | 26 10 | 24 | 29 | 1 | 30 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | ..... |
| Perry..... | 135 | 16 90 | 19 | 21 | 1 | 22 | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 9 | ..... |
| Vanilla..... | 136 | ..... | 28 | 27 | ..... | 27 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5 | ..... |
| Mt. Sterling..... | 137 | 33 00 | 22 | 30 | 1 | 31 | 6 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 9 | ..... |
| Kedron..... | 138 | 25 00 | 21 | 26 | ..... | 26 | 6 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5 | ..... |
| Totals..... | | \$5,533 90 | 7,639 | 7,475 | 754 | 8,229 | 938 | 61 | 12 | 81 | 241 | 89 | 679 | 89 |

RECAPITULATION.

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| Chartered Chapters..... | 138 | Members, 1869..... | 7,639 |
| | | Exalted..... | 938 |
| | | Admitted..... | 61 |
| | | Restored..... | 12 |
| | | | 8,650 |

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| Less Number—Died..... | 81 |
| Dimitted..... | 241 |
| Expelled..... | 10 |
| Suspended..... | 89 |
| | 421 |

Members, 1870..... 8,229

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| Resident..... | 7,475 |
| Non-Resident..... | 754 |
| | 8,229 |

Chapters U. D..... 8 Members..... 590

Total Number Members, 1870..... 8,405

On motion :

Voted, That the communication from Illinois Chapter No. 17 be referred to the Committee on Grievance.

M. E. Comp. John M. Pearson, Grand High Priest, presented the credentials of M. E. Comp. O. H. Miner, as Grand Representative of the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana, when, on motion, he was received and accredited as such Representative.

Comp. Wm. Rounseville, from the Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received, and the resolutions as appended adopted.

REPORT—ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois Royal Arch Masons :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, have performed the duty assigned them, and would respectfully report :

That the address is a plain, straight-forward, practical document, showing that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest has well performed the duties of the high and responsible office, and that he has made an official record of which this Grand Chapter, as well as himself, may justly be proud. We find but few things that need extended notice, and recommend :

That so much of said address as refers to Chapters U. D. be referred to the Committee on that subject.

That so much as relates to Special Dispensations be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much as relates to Miscellaneous Expenses and Printing be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Your Committee are of opinion that non-affiliated Master Masons should never be allowed to receive the degrees conferred in the Chapter. If they are not willing to sustain a lodge, and contribute to the general cause of Masonry, it is very unlikely that they will any better perform their duties in a higher sphere. He that lacks in little things will be remiss in higher duties, and no encouragement of advancement should be given to those who have proved unfaithful at the threshold.

With Masons belonging to Lodges U. D. the case is widely different. They assist in the maintenance of the fraternity and its organizations. They are subject to all the demands, and should be allowed to receive all the benefits of Masonry, so far as advancement is concerned. Those who labor ought not to be placed under needless disabilities.

Your Committee would recommend that the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to appoint a Lecturer, according to his own suggestion, for the year now commenced. That it shall be the duty of said Lecturer to visit all the Chapters in the jurisdiction during the year; that he shall instruct in the work, examine the books of Chapters, and advise as to the best mode of keeping the records and accounts, and as far as possible inaugurate a uniform system in these matters; that

he shall keep an account of his receipts and expenditures, items to be given when practicable; that he shall report, at the end of each month, to the Grand High Priest, the work of that month, the miles traveled each day, the number of Chapters visited, with their names; the condition, manner of work and prospects of the Chapters visited; the amount of money received from each Chapter, the amount paid out, and for what purpose, and such other facts as may tend to give the Grand High Priest a more intimate knowledge of the condition of capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction. From the reports so made the M. E. Grand High Priest shall make a full and detailed report, at the next annual communication, to this Grand Chapter. The actual expenses of the Lecturer for travel and board shall be paid by the Chapters visited, and the salary of such Lecturer is hereby fixed at — dollars for the year.

Your Committee are compelled to differ with the Grand High Priest in regard to reduction of dues to the Grand Chapter. Should it be determined to employ a Lecturer, as all will admit the good of the Chapters require, there will be a considerable addition to our regular expenditures that will have to be met. All the items in the expense account of the Grand Chapter will naturally increase, and require greater appropriations. We therefore recommend that no action be taken on the subject.

Your Committee would offer the following resolutions and move their adoption :

Resolved, That Master Masons, made by a Lodge under dispensation, are entitled to petition for the Chapter degrees.

Resolved, That a protest against the advancement of a brother to the degrees of the Chapter, has the same force and no more, as the rejection by ballot.

Resolved, That standing resolution No. 21 be, and is hereby repealed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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| WM. ROUNSEVILLE, G. W. STALEY, SAM'L BROWN, | } | <i>Committee.</i> |
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Comp. H. G. Reynolds presented the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest appoint a Grand Inspector of the work in this jurisdiction for the ensuing year, with instructions to proceed from Chapter to Chapter, and correct errors in phraseology, the manner of communicating lectures, and to see that the mode of working be uniform in all the Chapters; for which service he shall be paid the sum of twelve hundred dollars, and his expenses shall be paid by the Grand Chapter.

On motion of Comp. Taylor the following Resolution, found on page 15 of the printed proceedings of 1864, was repealed, viz.:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that no new Chapter should be formed in said city of Chicago except by the recommendation of all the Chartered Chapters now existing in Chicago, or that may be hereafter Chartered.

Comp. H. G. Reynolds submitted the following Resolution, which was tabled by the following vote: Aff., 80; neg., 11, viz.:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Chapter, in the General Grand Chapter of the United States, are hereby instructed to introduce a proposition to dissolve the General Grand Chapter, and to advocate the same; and, in case the General Grand Chapter does not dissolve, that said Representatives are instructed to ask leave to withdraw this Grand Chapter from its membership in the General Grand Chapter.

E. Comp. J. C. Luckey presented the following resolutions which were, on motion, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the officers and Sir Knights of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, for the use of their *suite* of rooms on this occasion.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the several railroads for the reduction of fare to Representatives attending this Grand Annual Convocation.

M. E. Comp. O. H. Miner presented the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest is hereby authorized and requested to appoint a suitable companion of the State of Louisiana as Representative of this Grand Chapter near the M. E. Grand Chapter of that State. and Companion James C. Batchelor is suggested for such appointment.

E. Comp. James C. Luckey asked leave of absence for Comp. J. B. Samuels, which request was granted.

E. Comp. James A. Hawley presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this M. E. Grand Chapter to the M. E. General Grand Chapter of the United States be instructed to advocate and vote for the dissolution of the same.

M. E. Comp. L. L. Munn presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to appoint some proper person as our Representative near the Grand East of the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Iowa, and would suggest the name of M. E. Comp. H. H. Hemenway, Past Grand High Priest, as a suitable person.

M. E. Comp. James H. Miles, Grand Secretary, presented the credentials of Comp. John C. Baker as Grand Representative of the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Minnesota, which were, on motion, received, and Comp. Baker acknowledged as said Representative.

M. E. Comp. Grand Secretary presented the petitions of a constitutional number of Royal Arch Masons residing in the city of Chicago, and in the town of Lincoln, Illinois, asking for dispensations to hold Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in the above places, which petitions were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Chapters, U. D.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois :

Your Committee on Unfinished Business to be brought before this Grand Session, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the proceedings of the last Grand Session, and find from them and the Grand Secretary, that the business of last Session was done so thoroughly that it left nothing to be brought before this Grand Convocation.

(Signed)

D. W. THOMSON, }
E. BLACKSHAW, } *Committee.*
I. E. HARDY, }

The M. E. Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment, until 2 o'clock, P. M.

Two o'clock P.M.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was called to labor in form.

Present: M. E. Comp. John M. Pearson, Officers and Representatives, as in the morning.

E. Comp. James C. Luckey presented the following addition to Section 6, Article 3, of the Constitution, which lies over until next year, under the Rules, viz. :

"In all places in this Grand Jurisdiction, where there shall be more than one Chapter, said Chapters may, by common consent, exercise concurrent jurisdiction in the reception of petitions for degrees. *Provided*, that in cities containing more than one hundred thousand inhabitants concurrent jurisdiction shall be exercised by the Chapters existing therein for said purpose."

E. Comp. H. G. Reynolds introduced to the M. E. Grand Chapter E. Comp. William S. Combs, Grand Secretary of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Minnesota, who was received with becoming honors.

E. Comp. L. J. Coulter, Grand Scribe of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Iowa, was also present as a visitor.

The Committee on Charity submitted the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

To the M. E. G. Chapter of the State of Illinois :

Your Committee on Charity respectfully beg leave to report that nothing has been submitted to them for their consideration that requires any action on the part of this Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. TROWBRIDGE, }
SIDNEY T. OSMER, } *Committee.*
J. H. SHIMER, }

The M. E. Grand High Priest presented the credentials of E. Comp. Harman G. Reynolds, as the Grand Representative of the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of New York, when, on motion, he was received and accredited as such Representative.

The Committee on Education submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois :

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report :

The Committee on Education at the last Annual Session of this Grand Chapter, having reported the recent possession of a communication, which if sooner received, would have enabled them to make a more satisfactory report, and that communication having been referred to this Committee, the natural inference is, that this Committee will present the more satisfactory report.

But this Committee find that the recommendations contained in the communication referred to, as well as to all suggestions made to them for advancement of Education through the influence of this Grand Chapter, necessarily involve an appropriation of more money than this Committee can recommend appropriated to that purpose. This, with the recent action of the M. W. G. Lodge, which so clearly forbids the idea of any co-operation on the part of that M. W. G. Body, induces your Committee to recommend that no action be taken upon the subject of Education at this Session of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

WILSON HOAG, }
LEVI LUSK, } *Committee.*
J. B. SAMUELS, }

Comp. J. R. Gorin, from the Committee on Accounts, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois :

The Committee on Accounts respectfully report, that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and the vouchers therewith submitted, and find that the Grand Treasurer has received and is chargeable with the following sums, to wit :

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| To balance on hand at last Grand Convocation as per report..... | 612 54 |
| " amount of U. S. 5-20 bonds..... | 3,000 00 |
| " interest received on same..... | 202 95 |
| " cash received from Grand Secretary..... | 5,800 10 |
| Total..... | \$9,615 59 |

CONTRA.

That he has paid out and is entitled to credit for the following sums, to wit:

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| By amount of mileage and per diem, for 1869..... | 2,537 50 |
| " Grand Chapter orders..... | 3,092 75 |
| " counterfeit money received..... | 2 00 |
| " 1½ per cent. commission on disbursements..... | 84 48 |
| | \$5,716 73 |
| By amount invested in U. S. 5-20 bonds..... | 3,000 00 |
| | \$8,716 73 |
| Balance in cash in the Treasurer's hands, Oct. 6, 1870..... | 898 86 |
| | \$9,615 59 |

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| Your Committee find that the Grand Secretary has received, as per report submitted, for dues from Chartered Chapters for 1869..... | \$203 50 |
| On same for 1870..... | 5,544 50 |
| For dues from Chapters U. D..... | 242 00 |
| " Dispensations to Chapters U. D..... | 990 00 |
| " sundry special Dispensations issued by Grand High Priest..... | 26 00 |
| " Charter fees..... | 56 00 |
| Total | \$7,062 00 |

That he has paid out as follows :

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| For printing..... | \$190 00 | |
| “ stationery..... | 26 75 | |
| “ express charges..... | 3 50 | |
| “ bill rendered of T. B. & H. M. Seavey for Charter cases..... | 3 75 | |
| “ boxes, etc., from H. G. Reynolds..... | 9 25 | |
| “ postage, express charges and traveling expenses of Grand High Priest..... | 60 75 | |
| “ postage, express charges of Grand Secretary..... | 96 16 | |
| | | 390 16 |
| Balance..... | | \$6,671 84 |

The above balance has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, as appears from his receipt.

Your Committee recommend that there be appropriated as a contingent fund for printing and other incidental expenses during the current year, subject to the order of the Grand High Priest, the sum of.....\$1,000 00

That there be allowed as follows:

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| To Comp. E. N. Tucker, Assistant Secretary..... | \$20 00 |
| “ “ A. S. Babcock, Railroad Clerk..... | 10 00 |
| “ “ L. K. Osborn, Grand Steward..... | 10 00 |
| “ “ A. R. Robinson, Grand Tyler..... | 10 00 |
| “ “ R. B. Smith, extra services..... | 10 00 |
| “ “ M. E. J. M. Pearson, G. H. P..... | 200 00 |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. R. GORIN,
WM. M. AVISE,
GEORGE O. IDE, } *Committee.*

GRAND TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

HARRISON DILLS, *Grand Treasurer,**In account with the Grand Chapter of Illinois.*

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| October 8, 1869, | To balance on hand..... | \$612 54 | |
| " " | " amount of U. S. 5-20 bonds on hand.. | 3,000 00 | |
| " " | " interest received on above..... | 202 95 | |
| " " | " amount received from Gr. Secretary.. | 5,800 10 | |
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| | | | \$9,615 59 |

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| October 8, 1869, | By pay roll 1869..... | \$2,537 50 | |
| " " | " amount invested U. S. 5-20 bonds... | 3,000 00 | |
| " " | " counterfeit currency..... | 2 00 | |
| " " | " order No. 2, A. S. Babcock, 1865 ... | 10 00 | |
| " " | " " " 3, L. W. Shepherd, " ... | 10 00 | |
| " " | " " " 4, O. N. Stafford, " ... | 7 00 | |
| " " | " " " 5, James Gouley, " ... | 7 00 | |
| " " | " " " 6, Jas. H. Hubbard, " ... | 48 20 | |
| " " | " " " 7, W. M. Egan, " ... | 50 00 | |
| " " | " " " 8, O. H. Miner, " ... | 50 00 | |
| " " | " " " — H. G. Reynolds, " ... | 125 00 | |
| " " | " " " — H. G. Reynolds, 1866.. | 125 00 | |
| " " | " " " 73, H. G. Reynolds,..... | 1,000 00 | |
| " " | " " " 74, Ford Chapter, No. 113 | 15 50 | |
| " " | " " " 75, Kankakee Chap. No. 78 | 37 00 | |
| " " | " " " 76, A. S. Babcock..... | 20 00 | |
| " " | " " " 77, S. H. Claspill..... | 20 00 | |
| " " | " " " 78, S. H. Claspill..... | 29 50 | |
| " " | " " " 79, J. H. Miles..... | 200 00 | |
| " " | " " " 80, Jno. C. Reynolds..... | 20 00 | |
| " " | " " " 81, L. W. Shepherd..... | 20 00 | |
| " " | " " " 82, A. R. Robinson..... | 20 00 | |
| " " | " " " 83, L. L. Munn..... | 22 80 | |
| January 13, 1870, | " " " 84, H. G. Reynolds, Jr..... | 5 75 | |
| April 13, 1870, | " " " 85, Horton & Leonard..... | 750 00 | |
| " 22, 1870, | " " " 86, James H. Miles..... | 500 00 | |
| | " 1½ per. cent. com. on \$8,632.25..... | 84 48 | |
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| | | | \$8,716 73 |
| October 7, 1870, | To balance in hands of the Grand Treasurer..... | | <hr/> |
| | | | \$898 86 |

GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.

JAMES H. MILES, *Grand Secretary,**In account with the Grand Chapter of Illinois.*

| NAME AND NO. OF CHAPTER. | DUES. | NAME AND NO. OF CHAPTER. | DUES. |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Springfield 1 | \$87 00 | Forward..... | \$2,672 00 |
| Lafayette 2 | 202 00 | Burke.....53 | 18 00 |
| Jacksonville..... 3 | 115 00 | Keystone.....54 | 36 00 |
| Horeb.....4 | 29 00 | Jackson.....55 | 18 00 |
| Quincy.....5 | 80 00 | Nachusa.....56 | 54 00 |
| Peoria.....7 | 71 00 | Sterling.....57 | 37 00 |
| Alton.....8 | 50 50 | Cement.....58 | 21 00 |
| Union.....10 | 46 50 | Goodbrake.....59 | 41 50 |
| Menedosia.....11 | 24 00 | Peru.....60 | 20 50 |
| Mt. Zion.....12 | 26 50 | Tyrian.....61 | 62 50 |
| Euclid.....13 | 17 00 | Lebanon.....62 | 53 50 |
| Fox River.....14 | 71 50 | Montgomery.....63 | 68 00 |
| Franklin.....15 | 41 00 | Salem.....64 | 74 50 |
| Herman.....16 | 16 50 | Bement.....65 | 15 00 |
| Illinois.....17 | 11 50 | Tuscola.....66 | 60 50 |
| Barrett.....18 | 42 50 | Vienna.....67 | 20 50 |
| Morse.....19 | 50 50 | Canton.....68 | 37 50 |
| Lusk.....20 | 15 00 | Corinthian.....69 | 146 50 |
| Macon.....21 | 66 50 | Marshall.....70 | 60 00 |
| Aurora.....22 | 105 00 | Cairo.....71 | 22 00 |
| Freeport.....23 | 99 00 | Augusta.....72 | 44 00 |
| Winnebago.....24 | 103 50 | Lansing.....73 | 32 00 |
| Pekin.....25 | 18 00 | Mound.....74 | 12 00 |
| Bloomington.....26 | 89 50 | Reynolds.....75 | 24 50 |
| Joliet.....27 | 98 00 | Mason.....76 | 24 00 |
| Princeton.....28 | 46 50 | Carrollton.....77 | 77 50 |
| Warren.....30 | 79 50 | Kankakee.....78 | 47 50 |
| Orient.....31 | 27 50 | Mendota.....79 | 60 00 |
| Edgar.....32 | 85 00 | Urbana.....80 | 29 50 |
| Carthage.....33 | 68 50 | Louisville.....81 | 22 00 |
| McHenry.....34 | 14 00 | Vermillion.....82 | 33 00 |
| Harmony.....35 | 28 00 | Carmi.....83 | 23 50 |
| Woodstock.....36 | 51 00 | H. G. Reynolds.....84 | 48 50 |
| Shabbona.....37 | 54 50 | Mattoon.....85 | 26 00 |
| Richland.....38 | 21 50 | Havana.....86 | 27 00 |
| Hutsonville.....40 | 10 00 | Effingham.....87 | 16 50 |
| Waukegan.....41 | 50 00 | Barry.....88 | 32 00 |
| Washington.....43 | 237 00 | Nashville.....89 | 17 50 |
| Egyptian.....45 | 39 50 | Kishwaukee.....90 | 28 50 |
| Galesburg.....46 | 48 50 | Geo. L. Dunlap.....91 | 18 00 |
| Kewanee.....47 | 26 50 | Centralia.....93 | 50 00 |
| Markwell.....48 | 20 50 | Homer.....94 | 16 00 |
| Sycamore.....49 | 42 00 | Raboni.....95 | 13 00 |
| Champaign.....50 | 30 50 | L. L. Munn.....96 | 35 00 |
| Jo Daviess.....51 | 53 50 | Tazewell.....97 | 22 50 |
| De Kalb.....52 | 61 50 | Fairbury.....99 | 46 00 |
| Forward..... | \$2,672 00 | Forward..... | \$4,364 50 |

GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT—Continued.

| NAME AND NO. OF CHAPTER. | DURS. | NAME AND NO. OF CHAPTER. | DURS. |
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| Forward..... | \$4,364 50 | Forward..... | \$5,640 50 |
| Marion100 | 55 50 | Vermillion..... 82 | 32 00 |
| Metropolitan.....101 | 37 00 | Girard132 | 31 00 |
| Taylorville.....102 | 43 50 | Staley..... 103 | 1 00 |
| Staley.....103 | 36 50 | Mendota..... 70 | 40 50 |
| Clayton.....104 | 36 50 | Cairo..... 71 | 3 00 |
| Lena.....105 | 32 50 | | |
| Belleville.....106 | 39 00 | DISPENSATION FEES. | |
| Sandwich.....107 | 34 00 | Farmer City..... | 90 00 |
| Fulton .....108 | 40 00 | Lanark..... | 90 00 |
| Jasper.....109 | 17 50 | Jerseyville..... | 90 00 |
| Woodford .....110 | 17 00 | Ashley..... | 90 00 |
| Dallas.....111 | 26 00 | Wilmington..... | 90 00 |
| New Rutland .....112 | 54 00 | Clarke..... | 90 00 |
| Ford .....113 | 56 00 | Edwardsville..... | 90 00 |
| Watseka .....114 | 38 50 | University..... | 90 00 |
| Pana.....115 | 10 00 | Chenoa..... | 90 00 |
| Staunton .....116 | 42 50 | Odell..... | 90 00 |
| Palatine .....117 | 20 50 | Kedron for 1869..... | 90 00 |
| Milton.....118 | 10 50 | Grand High Priest..... | 26 00 |
| DeWitt.....119 | 37 00 | | |
| Elliott.....120 | 43 00 | CHARTER FEES. | |
| Mt. Pulaski.....121 | 17 50 | Lanark..... | 7 00 |
| Odin.....122 | 33 50 | Jerseyville..... | 7 00 |
| Chillicothe.....123 | 16 50 | Ashley..... | 7 00 |
| Sangamon.....124 | 20 00 | Wilmington..... | 7 00 |
| Kansas.....125 | 26 50 | Clarke..... | 7 00 |
| W. M. Egan.....126 | 47 00 | University..... | 7 00 |
| Chicago .....127 | 61 00 | Chenoa..... | 7 00 |
| Nathan Whitney.....129 | 27 00 | Odell..... | 7 00 |
| El Paso.....130 | 29 00 | | |
| Payson.....131 | 10 00 | FEES CHAPTERS U. D. | |
| Girard .....132 | 38 00 | Lanark..... | 42 00 |
| Wyoming.....133 | 26 00 | Jerseyville..... | 36 00 |
| La Harpe.....134 | 26 50 | Ashley..... | 14 00 |
| Perry.....135 | 16 50 | Wilmington..... | 30 00 |
| Mt. Sterling.....137 | 33 00 | Clarke..... | 34 00 |
| Kedron .....138 | 25 00 | University..... | 26 00 |
| 1869. | | Chenoa..... | 34 00 |
| Kewanee..... 47 | 1 00 | Odell..... | 26 00 |
| Euclid 13 | 39 00 | | |
| Auburn..... 92 | 41 50 | Total..... | \$7,062 00 |
| DeWitt..... 119 | 14 50 | | |
| Forward..... | \$5,640 50 | | |

Credits.

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| By bill J. W. Middleton & Co | \$26 75 |
| “ “ Horton & Leonard..... | 190 00 |
| “ “ T. B. & H. M. Seavey..... | 3 75 |
| “ “ H. G. Reynolds..... | 9 25 |
| “ express charges on boxes | 3 50 |
| “ postage, express charges and traveling expenses of G. H. P. | 60 75 |
| “ postage and express charges Grand Secretary..... | 96 16 |
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| | \$390 16 |
| By balance paid Grand Treasurer..... | \$6,671 84 |

\$6,671 84. Received, Chicago, October 7, 1870, of James H. Miles, Grand Secretary, sixty-six hundred and seventy-one dollars and eighty-four cents.

(Signed)

HARRISON DILLS, *Grand Treasurer.*

Comp. James C. McMurtry presented the following, which was, on motion, adopted :

Resolved, To amend Section 17 of the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, by striking out the words, “two dollars for each candidate exalted and”

The Section amended reads as follows: “Section 17. Each subordinate Chapter shall pay annually, on or before the first day of the Annual Grand Convocation, the sum of fifty cents for each member as dues.

Comp. James A. Hawley, presented the following, which was on motion adopted :

Resolved, To amend By-Laws by striking out Article 3 of Section 3.

On motion of M. E. Comp. W. M. Egan, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

The votes having been taken, sorted and tallied, it appeared that the following named Companions were elected to the offices set to their respective names, to wit:

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| AUGUSTUS A. MURRAY..... | Decatur..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| JAMES A. HAWLEY..... | Dixon..... | <i>Deputy Grand High Priest.</i> |
| JAMES C. LUCKEY..... | Polo..... | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| GEORGE E. LOUNSBURY..... | Mound City..... | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |
| JAMES H. MILES..... | Chicago..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| HARRISON DILLS..... | Quincy..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| JOHN C. REYNOLDS..... | Springfield..... | <i>Grand Captain Host.</i> |
| A. P. FORSYTH..... | Kansas..... | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |

Comp. William McMurtry, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, presented the following report, which was on motion, adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois:

The Committee of Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred the complaint of Illinois Chapter No. 17, against Warren Chapter No. 30, in regard to infringement of jurisdiction, would respectfully report, that we have listened to the statement of the Representatives of each of these Chapters, and would recommend that the whole matter be referred back to these Chapters for adjustment. The Representatives have so requested.

WM. McMURTRY,
JOHN W. MORRIS, } Committee.
H. F. CLARKE,

Comp. D. H. Morgan, submitted the following preamble and resolution, which were on motion, adopted:

Whereas, A Dispensation has been granted by the M. E. Grand High Priest, to change the location of Harmony Chapter No. 35, from Lawrenceville to Sumner, in the county of Lawrence, until the meeting of this M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and

Whereas, Said subordinate Chapter is now successfully working in said Sumner, now therefore

Resolved, That this M. E. Grand Chapter confirm said change, and that said Harmony Chapter be permanently located at Sumner.

On motion of Comp. H. G. Reynolds, it was

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to appoint some suitable person as the Grand Representative of this M. E. Grand Chapter, near the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of New York, and that M. E. Comp. John W. Simons be recommended.

M. E. Comp. James H. Miles, from the Committee on Correspondence, made a verbal report that the Committee had not as yet been able to complete their report, and asked that further time be granted.

On motion of Comp. H. G. Reynolds,

Voted, That the Committee be granted time to complete their report, and that the same be printed with the proceedings.

REPORT ON MASONIC CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois :

The Committee on Masonic Correspondence fraternally submit this their annual report :

GRAND CHAPTERS IN CORRESPONDENCE.

| STATE. | YEAR. | GRAND SECRETARY. | ADDRESS. |
|---------------------------|-------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Alabama..... | 1869 | Daniel Sayre..... | Montgomery. |
| 2. Arkansas..... | 1869 | L. E. Barber..... | Little Rock. |
| 3. California..... | 1870 | L. C. Owen..... | San Francisco. |
| 4. Canada..... | 1869 | T. Bird Harris..... | Hamilton. |
| 5. Connecticut..... | 1869 | J. K. Wheeler..... | Hartford. |
| 6. Delaware..... | 1870 | Wm. F. Godwin..... | Milford. |
| 7. District of Columbia.. | 1869 | Noble D. Larner..... | Washington. |
| 8. Florida..... | 1870 | Edward Bradford, Jr..... | Tallahassee. |
| 9. Georgia..... | 1870 | J. Emmett Blackshear..... | Macon. |
| 10. Indiana..... | 1869 | J. M. Bramwell..... | Indianapolis. |
| 11. Iowa..... | 1869 | Wm. B. Langridge..... | Muscatine. |
| 12. Kansas..... | 1869 | E. T. Carr..... | Leavenworth. |
| 13. Kentucky..... | 1869 | Phillip Swigert..... | Frankfort. |
| 14. Louisiana..... | 1870 | James C. Batchelor..... | New Orleans. |
| 15. Maine..... | 1870 | Ira Berry..... | Portland. |
| 16. Maryland..... | 1869 | Wm. A. Wentz..... | Baltimore. |
| 17. Massachusetts..... | 1869 | Thomas Waterman..... | Boston. |
| 18. Michigan..... | 1870 | J. Eastman Johnson..... | Centreville. |
| 19. Minnesota..... | 1870 | Wm. S. Combs..... | St. Paul. |
| 20. Mississippi..... | 1870 | J. L. Power..... | Jackson. |
| 21. Missouri..... | 1869 | Geo. Frank Gouley..... | St. Louis. |
| 22. Nebraska..... | 1869 | R. W. Furnas..... | Brownsville. |
| 23. New Hampshire..... | 1870 | Abel Hutchins..... | Concord. |
| 24. New Jersey..... | 1869 | John Woolverton..... | Trenton. |
| 25. New York..... | 1870 | Christopher G. Fox..... | Buffalo. |
| 26. North Carolina..... | 1869 | T. B. Carr..... | Wilmington. |
| 27. Nova Scotia..... | 1870 | James Gossip..... | Halifax. |
| 28. Ohio..... | 1869 | John D. Caldwell..... | Cincinnati. |
| 29. Oregon..... | 1869 | R. P. Earhart..... | Salem. |
| 30. Pennsylvania..... | 1869 | John Thomson..... | Philadelphia. |
| 31. Rhode Island..... | 1870 | George H. Burnham..... | Providence. |
| 32. South Carolina..... | 1870 | Augustine T. Smythe..... | Charleston. |
| 33. Tennessee..... | 1869 | John Frizzell..... | Nashville. |
| 34. Texas..... | 1870 | Robert Brewster..... | Houston. |
| 35. Vermont..... | 1870 | W. H. S. Whitcomb..... | Burlington. |
| 36. Virginia..... | 1869 | John Dove..... | Richmond. |
| 37. Wisconsin..... | 1870 | W. T. Palmer..... | Milwaukee. |

ALABAMA.

The forty-third Annual Convocation was held in the city of Montgomery, December 7, 1869. M. E. Comp. Peleg Brown, Grand High Priest; Comp. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary. 55 Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, announced the death of the Grand Sentinel, Comp. Thomas McDougal, who had long and faithfully served the Grand Chapter, and to whose memory the last sad honors of the aged and faithful Mason were paid.

From the address we also learn that harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction, although some little differences have arisen in regard to the work as established by the Grand Chapter, and the Grand High Priest again recommends the importance of establishing some mode by which the work and lectures would be more effectually and rapidly disseminated, and thus says in conclusion :

“There are evils to be corrected which in my humble judgment can only be done by a correct and uniform dissemination of the work, and that under the immediate patronage of the Grand Chapter. We are apparently in a progressive age, our whole country is flooded with what is termed masonic literature, and much of it, I am sorry to say, is useless trash, and which I fear is doing more to demoralize and destroy the harmony and usefulness of our beloved Order than all things else put together; and what is still worse, much of this trash is found upon the shelves and vended by those who profess to be Masons. Such things may serve for the time to tickle the fancy and satisfy the curiosity, but in the end will kill, and lead their patrons into a Babel or the condition of the Lost Tribes, where they will be totally unable to make themselves known or to trace their genealogy.”

If the Grand Chapter of Alabama has been pestered with this literature as the Grand Chapter of Illinois have been, they will not be long in finding some effectual mode of ridding themselves thereof. Self preservation is the first law of Nature. May it not be, Masonically ?

The Grand High Priest, in his address, gives a short synopsis of the history of the Grand Chapter, dating its origin, by authority of the General Grand Chapter, in 1823, and its re-formation in 1827, thus proving that the resolution of 1861, tending to sever their connection with the General Grand Chapter of the United States, was void, and therefore recommending its repeal. The whole matter was referred to a committee, with instructions to report next year. We shall look with some interest for the report of the committee and the subsequent action of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Representative system was adopted, and M. E. Comp. Hazelrigg, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, and Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, was introduced, and received with the usual formalities, and seated on the right of the Grand High Priest.

Comp. P. J. Pillans presents the report on Correspondence, reviewing in a fraternal manner the transactions of thirty-one Grand Chapters. Illinois, for 1868, is kindly noticed. In conclusion, Comp. Pillans, “sensible of the obligation under which he has been placed by the kindness of the companions of this Grand Chapter; and with the expression of thanks to you for your very flattering

consideration heretofore, he now takes leave of you as Chairman of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, satisfied that this may be placed in abler hands."

We observe that the Grand Chapter did not accede to his request, and we may therefore expect to hear from Comp. Pillans again. The Order of High Priesthood was established at this session, and approved by the Grand Chapter. Nova Scotia was recognized among the family of Grand Chapters, and a Past Grand High Priest's jewel voted to the retiring Grand High Priest, Comp. Peleg Brown.

M. E. Comp. H. Clay Armstrong, of Notasulga, was elected Grand High Priest.

Comp. Daniel Sayre, of Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 55 Chapters report 2,327 members. The next Annual Convocation will be held at Montgomery, December 6, 1870.

ARKANSAS.

The twentieth Annual Convocation, held at Little Rock, October 28, 1869, M. E. Comp. Luke E. Barber, Grand High Priest; Comp. W. D. Blocker, Grand Secretary. 21 Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is principally devoted to local matters, but contains some good things, which are applicable to all jurisdictions. In conclusion, he says:

"All of us now present cannot expect to meet each other again around our Holy Altar in Grand Convocation. Some may reasonably look forward to many a joyful and profitable re-union here; but there are others who may not hope for any, at least for many such. As year succeeds year, the time of probation allotted to some of us will have ended—our work on the temple here below will have been finished—our eternal rest entered upon. Be it then an ever present duty to all and each of us, to work while time is ours—to labor to remove the rubbish of evil passions, unholy desires, and corrupt thoughts from the heart and conscience—to build up, purify, perfect, and adorn these earthly temples in which His spirit dwells, and fit them for companionship with the holy and the just in those eternal mansions within the veil above, where to him that overcometh will be given to eat of the hidden manna—to eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the Paradise of God, where he shall be clothed in white raiment, and made a pillar in the temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

"Companions, may each one of us, when his earthly pilgrimage is ended, receive admittance into that glorified company above, and be one of those to whom the white stone with the new name shall be given, who shall hunger no more, nor thirst any more, but be fed, and lead unto living fountains of water in the City of the New Jerusalem."

Four Charters were granted for new Chapters, and one dispensation issued by the Grand Chapter.

The work of the several degrees was exemplified before the Grand Chapter, and a uniform code of by-laws for the government of subordinates adopted.

The resolution of the General Grand Chapter looking to the removal of the Past Master's degree was disapproved.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, discusses the powers and prerogatives of the Deputy, and arrives at the conclusion that he has no powers whatever.

We have always been of opinion that the deputy was a useless appendage, and we yet think his duties are as clearly defined by the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter as any of its other officers.

No report on Correspondence. Comps. Albert Cohen, L. W. Williams, and L. E. Barber were appointed such committee.

M. E. Comp. E. H. English was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. L. E. Barber, Grand Secretary; both of Little Rock.

Statistics: 49 Chapters; number of members not reported.

The twenty-first annual Convocation will be held at Little Rock, Tuesday, November 8, 1870.

CALIFORNIA.

The sixteenth annual Convocation was held in the city of San Francisco, April 5, 1870. M. E. Comp. John W. Harville, Grand High Priest. Twenty-eight chartered Chapters represented, with two under dispensation.

The address of the Grand High Priest is short, and principally devoted to local matters, no question having arisen of sufficient importance to require reference to the Grand Body.

Dispensations had been issued to two new Chapters, to which charters were granted.

Due notice was made of the death of M. E. Comp. Isaac Davis, Past Grand High Priest.

The Reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer show the Grand Chapter to be in a prosperous condition, financially.

The report on Correspondence is from the Grand Secretary, Comp. L. C. Owen, reviewing, in a fraternal manner, the acts and doings of thirty Grand Chapters. Illinois, for 1868, receives kindly mention. He objects to the action of Grand High Priest Lininger, in the suspension of a High Priest from his office, and says this:

"The right of a Grand High Priest to suspend a High Priest from the duties of his office until the ensuing meeting of the Grand Chapter can not be questioned; but we do not believe that the Constitution of any Grand Chapter in the world invests him with power to declare the office vacant and order a new election. When there is no provision in the Constitution, we believe that the general usage of Masonry should govern—that charges should be preferred by five members of the Chapter, and, if well founded, that he should be forbidden to exercise his functions until the meeting of the Grand Chapter, at which the charges should be properly investigated, and the punishment deserved, if any, awarded."

The Grand Secretary presented a register he had prepared for the purpose of recording the names of the members of all the subordinate Chapters, from their organization, and the following resolution was adopted by the Grand Chapter:

"Resolved, That hereafter no petition for the degrees or application for membership shall be received by any Chapter within this jurisdiction, unless it be signed with the full name or names of the petitioner or applicant; and that in the

annual reports of the subordinate Chapters the given name or names of every member, or others upon their roll, shall be written in full."

We should be glad to see a similar resolution in our own statutes.

M. E. Comp. George T. Grimes was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. L. C. Owen, Grand Secretary; both of San Francisco.

Statistics: 36 Chapters; 1782 members; exalted, 355.

The next annual convocation will be held at San Francisco, April 11, 1871.

CANADA.

The twelfth annual Convocation was held in the city of Kingston, Ont., August 10, 1869. M. E. Comp. T. Wilson acting as Grand Z. in the absence of M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harrington; Comp. T. Bird Harris, Grand Scribe E. Twenty-nine Chapters represented.

The Grand Z., M. E. Comp. Harrington, being unable to attend in person, transmitted quite a lengthy and interesting address, from which we learn that harmony and peace prevails among our companions across the border.

Dispensations were issued for five new Chapters, to which charters were granted, one for a Chapter in Nova Scotia, which has recently organized itself into a Grand Chapter, of which he says,

"It gave me true pleasure to meet the wishes of our Nova Scotia companions, for I felt that the more closely cemented our bond of union became, the better it would be, and it would certainly tend to the general benefit and advancement of our time-honored institution. I hope we shall become finally one Sovereign Body, ruling over Capitular Masonry throughout this Dominion. Nevertheless, we must not shut our eyes to the fact, that as Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have each its Grand Lodge, so the companions there may deem it more advantageous to establish their own Grand Chapters, and, if so, we must be prepared to give them our cordial recognition, extend at once the right hand of fellowship, and aid and assist them by every means in our power."

The Grand Representative system was recognized and adopted.

Reports were made by twelve General Superintendents, which show the craft to be in a prosperous condition.

R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson presented an able report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of twenty-eight Grand Chapters. Illinois failed to reach our Canada companions, from some cause unexplained. From his review of Scotland we quote the following, which may be of interest to the craft in this jurisdiction:

"The annual reporter contains an abstract of the proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter and Committee, from March, 1868, to March, 1869. The register shows 100 Chapters, and 11 Mark Lodges. The receipts for the year were £392 3s. 11d., and the balance on hand, £1,215 3s. 8d. The number of registrations was 476. Seven new Chapters received charters during the year, and one Mark Lodge a warrant. Among the new Chapters we noticed two in our Dominion, namely, No. 125, St. Stephen, New Brunswick; and No. 130, St. John, Picton, Nova Scotia. The others were No. 126, Trinidad Kilwinning, Port of Spain, Trinidad, W. I.; No. 127, Brisbane, Queensland; No. 128,

Flowers of the Forest, Galashiels; No. 129, Shanghae; and No. 131, St. Paul, Adelaide, C. G. H.

"An important question of Masonic law came up on a communication from Sydney, New South Wales, relative to the right of a companion who had been suspended in a Lodge, to demand admittance to a Chapter. The suspended brother, who was a member of St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 110, maintained his right to be admitted to the Chapter, contending that under the Scotch Constitution there is no connection between the two orders of St. John's and Royal Arch Masonry. The Supreme Committee, in their report, say, 'There can be no doubt that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, differing, it is believed, from every other Grand Lodge, recognizes no degree in Masonry above that of Master Mason, and, such being the case, it may view with indifference the effect which may be given to its sentence by the higher orders, but on the other hand, no brother can be admitted to the higher orders unless he proves himself to be a St. John's Mason, and as by the obligation taken by every Master Mason, he cannot speak upon the subject of St. John's Masonry with a brother, suspended or expelled, while under either of these sentences, it seems to follow, that were a suspended St. John's Mason who happened to be a Royal Arch Companion, present at an exaltation, no candidate could give the necessary proofs that he was a Master Mason.' After communicating with the Scribe E. of England, and the Registrar of Ireland, as to the practice there prevailing, resolutions were adopted declaring against the right of a suspended brother to admittance into a Chapter."

- M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harrington, of Ottawa, was re-elected Grand Z.; R. E. Comp. Thomas Bird Harris, of Hamilton, Grand Scribe E.

Canada has 35 Chapters, 1,433 members, 236 registrations.

CONNECTICUT.

The semi-annual Convocation was held at Middletown, November 2, 1869, M. E. Comp. John H. Barlow, Grand High Priest. Seventeen Chapters represented. The work of the several degrees exemplified.

The seventy-second annual Convocation was held in the city of Hartford, May 10, 1870. M. E. Comp. John H. Barlow, Grand High Priest. Twenty-seven chartered Chapters and two under dispensations represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is quite lengthy and interesting, and from it we cull the following suggestions:

"It affords me the greatest pleasure to be able to congratulate you upon the general prosperity that has attended the labors of the Royal Craft, and the increase of members (good and true) that has marked its progress during the past year."

On the matter of the ballot he says,

"Too many times I have been led to fear that the black ball is made use of from personal motives, to spite the friend of a candidate, to prevent the Chapter from doing work, or some other equally ruinous motive, rather than the unworthiness of the candidate; and the ballot, instead of being the great safeguard against unworthy members, becomes the instrument of retaliation in the hands of conflicting parties. To remedy this evil I know of no better test than for each companion to ask himself the question: Am I doing as I would like, under the same circumstances, others to do to me?"

Of the vices of intemperance and profanity he says, and so say we all of us :

" No one can reflect on the present state of society about us without being forcibly reminded of the alarming increase of those plague spots upon the Masonic character, intemperance and profanity. And I feel it my duty to add a word of admonition here, for the evils are far too prevalent, even in Connecticut, especially the former. It has on several occasions been my sad experience during the past year, to meet with brothers, yes, companions too ! who, with stammering lips and staggering steps, were loud in their professions of Masonic zeal, yet had sadly forgotten the first lessons taught them in the Lodge, to avoid intemperance and excess. Companions, these things ought not so to be. Officers of Chapters, let us thoroughly purge our bodies, endeavor to correct each others failings by advice, admonition, and reproof, and if all else fails, cut off the offending members, for it is far better that one member should perish, rather than the whole body suffer reproach."

And in conclusion :

" Finally, let us remember that Masonry is something more than a mere form, that its principles are pure, and designed to elevate those whom it brings within its influence, mentally and morally; that the obligations it imposes on us are of the gravest character and not lightly to be broken. Remembering these things, let us labor to live in accordance with its principles, and in conformity to its laws; we shall then reap the advantages it is destined to confer upon us, and which will enable us faithfully to fulfill the duties required of us in dispensing light and knowledge to the uninformed Masons, who from time to time are received within these veils our Ancient Brethren so faithfully guarded."

The report on Correspondence is by that aged and faithful servant, Comp. Wm. Storer, who has so long served this Grand Chapter as Reporter, but now feelingly and sadly resigns his office, after a labored review of twenty-six Grand Chapters, among which Illinois for 1869 receives kindly mention.

He thus opens his review :

" The undersigned, after an unusual delay caused by physical infirmity and ill health, begs leave to submit his nineteenth annual report on Foreign Correspondence; and in doing so, to take leave of the Capitular Fraternity as a Masonic Reviewer. It has cost us many a severe struggle to arrive at this determination. We have spent so many years in fraternal intercourse with our respected companions in all parts of the country, and formed so many valued friendships, that now to bid them a final farewell is like severing a sacred family tie. So often have we experienced the kindly greetings of beloved companions of world-wide fame—most of whose faces we never saw, and probably never shall; so often have we exchanged fraternal salutations and congratulations with them; so often have we, in imagination, felt the cordial grip of their good right hands,—that the present consciousness that this is to be the last of this sweet intercourse, causes a pang of regret at the necessity that is laid upon us of retiring for ever from this so highly-prized field of labor.

" But so it must be. The fire of our youthful vigor is becoming reduced to embers; the ardor of middle life, with which we commenced the duties of our office, is succeeded by the languor of approaching age; the firm step with which

we began our Masonic journey is fast giving place to the tottering gait of decrepitude; "the almond tree" has long since begun to blossom, and "the grasshopper has become a burden." If we could only say with the zealous apostle of old, "I have fought a good fight; I have kept the faith,"—then might we, with a good conscience, add the triumphant exclamation, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of rejoicing." Be that as it may, our trust is in the Great High Priest of our profession, and to his grace we cordially commend all our beloved companions."

And listen to his conclusion :

"And now, in writing this concluding paragraph, we take a final leave of the Capitular Fraternity as a Correspondence Reporter. Long and pleasant has been our connection with the fraternal band who have been endeavoring to disseminate the light of Truth. Our first Correspondence Report was presented to the Grand Lodge of this State in May, 1849, and for fifteen successive years we performed this annual service. In May, 1851, we submitted our first report to the Grand Chapter; and have done the same from year to year up to the present time. In preparing these several reports, we have written much, and expressed our opinions freely, on the several questions that have from time to time agitated the Masonic Fraternity, both at home and abroad. These opinions may sometimes have been erroneous; but they have been uttered in all frankness and honesty. If they have been the means of leading any one astray, no one can more sincerely regret it than we do. We have sometimes disagreed with esteemed friends, but only when we have felt it our duty to do so; and it is not improbable that in the fervency of our zeal we may have occasionally used strong language, calculated to wound the feelings of some of our companions who may have entertained different sentiments from our own. If any have felt themselves thus injured, we honestly and sincerely ask their forgiveness.

"Finally, brethren, farewell; be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of Love and Peace will be with you."

Words too true, for since the meeting of his Grand Chapter he has "crossed over to the other shore."

M. E. Comp. John H. Barlow, of Birmingham, was re-elected Grand High Priest; Comp. J. K. Wheeler, of Hartford, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 29 Chapters; 3,722 members; 274 exaltations.

DELAWARE.

The second annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, with its five subordinates, was held at Dover, January 19, 1870. M. E. Comp. D. C. Godwin, Grand High Priest; Comp. W. T. Godwin, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a short, practical resume of his official acts, from which we learn that the Royal Craft are in a prosperous condition in the State of Delaware, although there seems yet to exist some difficulties of the old regime, which have not yet been entirely eradicated.

The Committee on Correspondence acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of twelve Grand Chapters, but decline entering into a labored report, owing to the shortness of time, as will appear by the following :

"It would be manifestly unfair to the Grand Chapter, in the course of the few hours which have been given to us, to peruse, select and report upon so large a mass of proceedings, and we must beg the indulgence of our companions if we seem to fail in sufficient recognition of their labors. We would gladly eliminate all that is worth knowing, if for no other reason than that we might be the wiser; but we cannot, and therefore must reserve to other occasions the various consecutions and compliments which it appears in these latter days to be the peculiar duty of committees of Correspondence to prepare for mutual delectation and advancement in knowledge."

M. E. Comp. D. C. Godwin was re-elected Grand High Priest. Comp. W. T. Godwin, Grand Secretary; both of Milford.

Statistics: 4 Chapters; 165 members; 47 exaltations.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The third annual report of this Grand Chapter contains the proceedings, during the year, of several specials, a semi-annual, May 10, and the Annual Convocation of the eighth of November, 1869. M. E. Comp. B. B. French, Grand High Priest; Comp. Noble D. Larner, Grand Secretary. Six Chapters represented.

At each, the semi-annual and annual Convocations, the M. E. Grand High Priest delivered quite lengthy and interesting addresses, mostly confined to their old difficulties with Potomac Chapter; and yet we learn that otherwise peace, harmony, and brotherly love, prevail in the District.

The Grand Chapter disapproves of the use of substitutes "in any of the Capital Degrees" (we know of but one degree in which they may be used), and very rightly prohibits the practice in the jurisdiction.

Comp. Jno. Edwin Mason presents a very able and interesting Report on Correspondence, covering seventy-eight closely-printed pages of the proceedings, reviewing the transactions of thirty-three Grand Chapters, among which Illinois, for 1868, finds a place and kindly mention. We note his concluding remarks:

"Your Committee having read over *four thousand pages* of the proceedings of Grand Chapters in communication with this Grand Chapter, as well as a mass of pamphlets, edicts, and official documents of various kinds, can say, in conclusion, that only a few gems from the galaxy of diadems have been plucked, and reproduced in these proceedings. The rest are not presented for want of space. So much work has been presented for inspection, and passed the overseer's square, that it seems a great loss that all the companions in the District of Columbia can not examine it. But for want of room we must heave it over among the rubbish."

From the report of a special Convocation held January 6, 1870, we learn that all matters of difference between Potomac Chapter and the Grand Chapter of the District have been amicably settled, and that Potomac Chapter has acknowledged its allegiance to the Grand Chapter.

"On the 18th of January, 1870, the M. E. Grand High Priest, accompanied by the officers and members of the Grand Chapter, and a very large number of Companions, visited Potomac Chapter, No. 8, and formally presented the charter ordered to be issued by the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, thereby

healing all difficulties and making the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter complete over all subordinate Chapters within its territory. May it forever continue."

M. E. Comp. B. B. French was re-elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Noble D. Lerner, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 7 Chapters; 773 members; 138 exaltations.

FLORIDA.

The twenty-third annual Convocation was held at Tallahassee, January 10, 1870. M. E. Comp. D. C. Dawkins, Grand High Priest; Comp. Edward Bradford, Jr., Grand Secretary. Thirteen Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest presents some good, wholesome truths to the consideration of his companions; mentions the death of M. E. Comp. Thomas Y. Henry, Past Grand High Priest; speaks in glowing terms of the reunion with the General Grand Chapter of the United States; and of the General Grand High Priest's refusal to grant an application for the purpose of changing a constitutional provision regarding the time and place of meeting.

The Grand High Priest had visited but six of the Chapters during the year, but correspondence had been had with nearly all the others, of which he says :

"Some of them are prosperous as usual in recent years; some struggling in an effort to survive, and a few almost hopeless of much longer existence; but it may be hoped that good fortune, with commendable effort, may yet smile upon and cause them to revive. While there is life there is yet hope."

One dispensation for a new Chapter was issued, and the charter of one Chapter surrendered.

The Grand Representative system adopted.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. Thos. A. Carruth, reviewing the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters. Illinois, for 1868, receives kindly mention.

M. E. Comp. D. C. Hawkins, was re-elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Edward Bradford, Jr., Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 21 Chapters; 496 members; 68 exaltations.

GEORGIA.

The annual Convocation was held in the city of Augusta, April 27, 1870. M. E. Comp. Moses P. Kellogg, Grand High Priest; Comp. Benjamin B. Russell, Grand Secretary. Forty-three Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest was a beautiful production, and to be properly appreciated, would require its entire publication. We can, however, give but a few paragraphs.

Of the dignity of the office of High Priest he says :

"Therefore, in consideration of the exalted qualifications that should attend him who ministers at this sacred altar, your humble servant pleads for the mantle of charity to cover his short-comings, and requests that you will, on the morrow, bestow the sceptre on some more worthy companion.

"Contemplate, for a moment, what the High Priest of a Royal Arch Chapter should be: physically, a man without spot or blemish; intellectually, a scholar of no ordinary attainments; and spiritually, one who can truly respond with the Psalmist, 'Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His holy temple? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.'

"I trust that each of you, whose duty is to dispense light and knowledge to the uninformed, wears a robe of spotless purity, possessing a conscience void of offence toward God and man. It being your peculiar province to watch over and direct the affairs of your respective Chapters, to read and expound the law, and see that the ancient usages suffer no detriment at the hands of your subordinates—it is meet that you should assemble yourselves together at these annual reunions, to refresh your Masonic lore, in peace, love and unity.

"Can a high priest, honored with such great responsibilities, fail to appreciate the sacredness of his office! Can he enter the *sanctum sanctorum* daily at high twelve, offer his adorations to Deity, and then go forth with blasphemy on his lips! Can he accept his daily wages from the Giver of all good—then murmur when the bounties of the Lord of the vineyard are more liberally bestowed upon others! Can he be made to lie down in green pastures and be led by the still waters—then turn a deaf ear to the piteous cries of destitute widows and helpless orphans! Can he pass over the rough and rugged road, performing his pilgrimage in meek humility, feeling that he who humbleth himself shall be exalted—then go forth and oppress, aye, crush to the very dust, a poor helpless mortal, struggling against poverty and its attendant evils! Can he, for the paltry price of thirty pieces of silver, betray his benefactor, and prove recreant to his sacred trust, by recommending the admission of a traitor into our midst! '*Procul, O procul este, profani!*'

"But, were the erring Brother arraigned before you, *who would dare cast the first stone?*"

One Dispensation for a new Chapter was issued, for which a charter was subsequently granted by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Representation system was adopted, and the use of substitutes recommended.

A resolution was adopted appointing a committee to report upon the propriety and expediency of expurging the Past Master's Degree from the curriculum of Capitular Degrees. The report of the committee we copy entire, which was laid over until the next annual Convocation:

"It is known to the student in Masonry that anciently the Royal Arch Degree was conferred by virtue of a dispensation emanating from a Lodge of Master Masons, and such an organization as a Chapter was unknown. For reasons that it is unnecessary to discuss, a separate organization was determined on, and probably to increase its interest, Symbolic Masonry was made to contribute a portion of their rites, and the degrees now known as Mark and Most Excellent were engrafted into Capitular Masonry, and with it came the honorarium of Past Master.

"Your committee do not believe in the so-called Progressive Masonry of modern days, and think that we progress only as we return to the ancient usages and

customs. The difficulty that arose between the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, with reference to this degree of Past Master, is known to the older members of this Grand Body, and in consequence of this trouble we were compelled to emasculate it, and it now stands naked and deformed, possessing neither utility or usefulness. It may be urged that the General Grand Chapter recognizes and authorizes this degree; and the same may be said of our sister jurisdictions. To the first objection we state, that our connection with the General Grand Body is dissolved, and we owe it no allegiance; and to the latter, we but testify our appreciation of the dignity of the Holy Royal Arch when we lop off a parasite that affects its well-being.

"Holding these sentiments, your committee submit the following resolution:

"That the Past Master's Degree be expunged from the list of capital degrees in this jurisdiction."

This Grand Chapter recognizes as legitimate the dropping of members from the roll for nonpayment of dues.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by M. E. Comp. Samuel Lawrence, reviewing, in a masterly manner, the transactions of sixteen Grand Chapters. No mention is made of Illinois.

At the conclusion of the report, a Past Grand High Priest's jewel was presented to Comp. Lawrence, in accordance with a resolution of the Grand Chapter at its last Convocation.

M. E. Comp. Luther J. Glenn made the presentation speech, to which Comp. Lawrence responds.

M. E. Comp. Moses P. Kellogg was re-elected Grand High Priest; Comp. J. Emmett Blackshear, of Macon, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 61 Chapters; 2,098 members; 172 exalted.

INDIANA.

The twenty-fourth annual Convocation was held at Franklin, October 20 and 21, 1869. M. E. Comp. Harvey G. Hazelrigg, Grand High Priest; Comp. John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary. Sixty-eight Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a document worthy of its author, covering twenty-two pages of closely printed matter.

From the address we learn that "Capitular Masonry never occupied a more elevated position, nor was there ever more universal harmony than at the present time. 'Peace on earth and good will toward men,' are inscribed upon its every banner. Where differences do exist, and they are but few, they are only matters of opinion that will readily yield to the power of truth and a regard to duty,—the aim of all being to promote the happiness and prosperity of each other, based upon the foundations of truth and justice."

The Grand High Priest acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Chapters, but reviews but one, that of Maryland and the District of Columbia. Of the remainder he says:

"I have examined these proceedings with much pleasure and profit: they all breathe a spirit of contentment and submission."

Grand High Priest Hazelrigg is opposed (and rightly) to the Grand Chapter interfering with the Order of High Priesthood; is opposed to the idea that the Past Master's degree "should be scouted out of all Masonic company," and approves of the use of substitutes.

His remarks on the Past Master's degree are too good to be lost :

"The degree of Past Master has been kicked and cuffed, banged and beat, rolled and tumbled, so long and so often by almost everybody who has thought proper to say a word about it, that I approach it with feelings of excited sympathy, always being for the 'under party in the fight.' The strong and victorious need not our aid, while the abused and forsaken should always be objects of tender regard. One says that it is no degree at all — another that it neither gives any new light in Masonry, or any additional qualifications for presiding over a Lodge, — while another, less charitable or more belligerent, says that 'it should be scouted out of all Masonic company.' If we take it for granted that the term Past Master means one who has been regularly elected, installed and served as Master of a legally constituted Lodge, and passed the chair, then all trouble or cause to cavil, at once ceases; but the difficulty seems to arise when it is spoken of as a degree. Its history as such is not very clear or well settled. If not the only, certainly the most reliable written history of Masonry we have, is Anderson's Constitutions. Any claiming greater antiquity than that, is, to say the least of it, of doubtful authenticity. In the first printed edition of that work, the oldest Past Master present is spoken of as being entitled to the chair, doubtless referring to one who had previously served as Master of a Lodge, for there is nothing in the 'Old Constitution' that can ever be tortured into a reference to the degree of Past Master; nor do we find anywhere that it is referred to as a degree till after the middle of the eighteenth century. But be its origin when it may or from whence it came, it has been too long and intimately interwoven with Royal Arch Masonry in the United States to be now dissevered, without incalculable injury to the uniformity, harmony and stability of the Order. What Royal Arch Mason could assist in, be present at, or give his consent to, the exaltation of one who had not previously taken the degree of Past Master? I answer, none. If this be true, and I apprehend no well informed Royal Arch Mason will deny it, what would be the condition of Royal Arch Masonry, if the degree, as such, was 'scouted out of all Masonic company?' It would be numbered with the things that were and is not. The question is sometimes asked whether it is in the power of any man or body of men to make innovations in the body of Masonry. The answer is universal, that it is not. A question equally pertinent here presents itself: is every addition to the ceremonials of the institution an innovation? If so, what becomes of our separate Lodges of Mark and Most Excellent Masters? — they are both unknown as such in England — and a thousand and one other interpolations that tinkers and peddlers have attempted to foist upon the ancient and original plan. Ancient Craft Masonry was originally understood to be embraced in three degrees, and when a fourth was added, the Holy Royal Arch followed the Master's degree.

"The General Grand Chapter, and every Grand Chapter in the United States, I believe, recognizes the degree of Past Master, and so inseparably is it interwoven

with our system of Capitular Masonry, that the wisest have not been able to devise any means by which it may be dispensed with in our Chapter organization. This being the case, our safest and best course is to stand still and 'let it be,' and not trouble ourselves about a difference between an 'actual' and a 'virtual' Past Master. Those who pass through the ceremonies after us will be as competent to act, if action is necessary, as we who precede them."

Dispensations were granted for five new Chapters, and the charters of three arrested.

The Grand Representative system was adopted. The most interesting part of the proceedings was the presentation of a Past Grand High Priest's jewel to M. E. Comp. William Hacker, with the presentation speech of the Grand High Priest, and the response by M. E. Comp. Hacker.

The financial report shows the Grand Chapter to be in a prosperous condition. Memorial Tablets were erected to Rt. E. Hugh Hanna, Past Grand King, and Comp. Philip Mason.

M. E. Comp. Harvey G. Hazelrigg was re-elected Grand High Priest; Comp. John M. Bramwell, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 76 Chapters; 3,018 members; 407 exaltations.

The next Convocation will be held at Indianapolis, October 19, 1870.

IOWA.

The fifteenth annual Convocation was held at Mt. Pleasant, October 20, 1869. M. E. Comp. Pitkin C. Wright, Grand High Priest; Comp. W. B. Langridge, Grand Secretary. Forty-one chartered and four Chapters under dispensation represented.

From the excellent address of the Grand High Priest, we learn that prosperity attends the Grand Jurisdiction. He says:

"The past year has been one of great prosperity to our order, and we should strive that this prosperity be not a disadvantage to us—prosperity is more trying than adversity—the popularity and consequent increase of our society has made us the target of a most determined hostility on the part of certain misguided and uninformed, though perhaps worthy and conscientious people.

"It therefore especially becomes us to examine ourselves thoroughly, and put far from us all just cause of offence. Particularly should we look well to the northwest, and guard the entrance to the preparation room. It is far better that ten good men be rejected, than that one improper and unworthy be admitted. The use of the black ball is the privilege of every Mason, and the great fault is that it is not used enough. The sooner the idea that the Masonic institution is a reform school, and that outsiders have rights in the order, is got rid of, the better for us all. Two-thirds of all the troubles that occur in Masonic bodies arise from the idea of some outsider that it is necessary that he should be inside.

"And while guarding the outside, we must not forget the danger within; the seeds of decay and corruption are germinated from within and not from without. You should thoroughly and fearlessly purge yourselves of all useless and improper members, no matter what their political or social rank or position may be. The profane man, the drunkard, the perverter of female innocence and virtue, and 'he

who puts the bottle to his neighbor's lips' should have no part nor lot with us. And while I have no desire, nor would it be possible to make of ours a denominational or temperance organization, still, in a society founded and corner-stoned as this is, and whose 'Great Light' is the word of the Grand Architect of the Universe, as contained in the Holy Scriptures, and where the name of Deity is never mentioned but with the reverence due from the creature to the Creator, the profane swearer, the drunkard, the libertine, and the dramseller have no more place than they have in the pulpit; and how much worse is it when such men are placed in official positions, and held up as an example and a model. These are those who draw on us the reproach and condemnation which of late has been so freely showered upon us. Surely, my Companions, these things ought not so to be, and those who are not of us should be kindly but fearlessly removed from among us."

During the year he had visited, either in person or by proxy, nearly all the subordinate Chapters in the Jurisdiction. Dispensations for five new Chapters had been issued; charters for four granted.

Among other good things in the address we find the following:

"It came to my knowledge in July, that a certain Companion, a member of a Chapter in Wisconsin, had displayed in front of his place of business and suspended across the sidewalk a huge Key Stone, with the circle and letters, and in the centre thereof his advertisement. Believing this to be an act of *gross unmasonic* conduct, and one that requires the attention of somebody, I assumed the responsibility of writing the Companion and stating my opinion thereof, and requesting him to forthwith remove the same, and also directed the High Priest of the Chapter in whose jurisdiction he resided, that in case it was not removed, he should prefer charges against the Companion, and notify the Chapter in Wisconsin of their action. I am pleased to say that this was not necessary, as the emblem was removed. It may be that in so doing I exceeded the powers and duties of my office. If so, I confess my wrong-doing, but if not, and if you believe that the emblems of our order and the fraternal feelings of our craft are not intended to be used as a means of pecuniary benefit, I would be pleased to have you pass a resolution concerning that sort of exhibition, the same as has already been done by the Grand Lodge."

Comp. W. B. Langridge presents the Report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of thirty-two Grand Chapters, "leaving 'absent and not accounted for' Georgia, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and Nebraska. Of these, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania only print semi-occasionally. Nebraska changed her time of meeting to October, and therefore issued too late for review, and Georgia has not probably succeeded in digesting Companion Guilbert's report of some years ago, and so has cut our acquaintance, as the Grand Secretary wrote one or two letters to Companion Russell, of that Grand Chapter, but did not obtain the courtesy of a reply—which was so much the worse for Georgia."

Speaking of his Table of Statistics, he "gives it" to some of us:

"It is true that the idleness or carelessness of some Grand Secretaries prevents the table being complete, and its imperfection renders the work of adding its columns, in many instances, a labor of little value; but, as a general thing, the

Grand Chapters who are in possession of such officers are generally stagnant affairs, whose meagre numbers and slow progress will do but little to change the general summing-up."

Appended to the report we find the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Chapter of the State of Iowa had at the Grand Annual Convocation of 1860 (*Transactions*, Vol. I., page 259), whereby this Grand Chapter is 'forever absolved from all connection with' the General Grand Chapter, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and this Grand Chapter restored to its position in said General Grand Chapter.

"*Resolved*, That the O. B. of allegiance to the General Grand Chapter be hereafter administered to candidates receiving the Royal Arch degree."

The above resolutions were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who report as follows:

"The personal predilections of your committee are not in this matter to be allowed to sway them in the expression of their opinion on a plain question of law and usage. Therefore, the fact that the General Grand Chapter is a disgrace to the name it bears, because it so persistently 'keeps the word of promise to the ear, and breaks it to the hope,' has not influenced us in the report we now submit.

"It must be conceded that the edict of withdrawal passed by this Grand Chapter in 1860 was irregular. To be sure, the General Grand Chapter had emasculated 'itself by its action of 1859, at Chicago, and had virtually, but not actually, absolved us from our allegiance to that body; still we are free to confess, from a careful examination of the legal aspect of the transaction, that we violated our O. B. in thus acting. That O. B., unfortunately, is so explicit 'that he who runs may read' it. We cannot legislate it away; nor can we, by our own act, say how much or how little of it we will keep and perform. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the resolutions, and cannot forbear to express the hope that the other seceding Grand Chapters will conclude to join us in an attempt, first to galvanize the incapable General Grand body into some semblance of life, or failing that,—which, it seems to us, would require miraculous powers to perform—second, to assist us in procuring a dissolution of the General Grand body."

From the report on Finance we are glad to observe this Grand Chapter to be financially in good condition.

After the adjournment of the Grand Chapter, Henry Chapter, No. 8, entertained the Grand body at a splendid banquet, graced by the presence of the wives and daughters of the Companions of Mt. Pleasant.

After which Comp. Guilbert delivered the oration in his usual happy and interesting style.

Appended to the report is the missing report on Correspondence for 1868, by Comp. Guilbert, reviewing the proceedings of nineteen Grand bodies.

M. E. Comp. Pitkin C. Wright, of DeWitt, re-elected Grand High Priest; and Comp. W. B. Langridge, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 51 Chapters; 2124 members; 380 exalted.

Next Annual Convocation will be held at Clinton, October 15, 1870.

KANSAS.

The fifth annual Convocation was held at Leavenworth, October 19, 1869. M. E. Comp. Owen A. Bassett, Grand High Priest; Comp. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary. Nine chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is devoted principally to local affairs. Five dispensations issued.

Of the prosperity of the order in the jurisdiction he says:

"Unprecedented prosperity has attended the Royal Craft since last we met. Yet our growth seems to be a healthy and vigorous one—the result of increase in population and rapid development of the State. It may be that we are expanding too much, that Chapters are becoming too numerous, that good material cannot be found in sufficient quantities to authorize the employment of so many workmen, and that skillful craftsmen do not exist in numbers adequate to the proper superintendence of their labors; but, to the close observer who travels throughout our jurisdiction, it will readily appear that no less than twenty five of our most populous counties are capable of sustaining one Chapter each."

The report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. E. T. Carr, reviewing fraternally the transactions of thirty-one Grand Chapters; our own, for 1868, receives kindly mention.

M. E. Comp. Owen A. Bassett, of Lawrence, re-elected Grand High Priest; Comp. E. T. Carr, of Leavenworth, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 16 Chapters; 505 members; 85 exalted.

The next annual Convocation will be held at Atchison, October 18, 1870.

KENTUCKY.

The annual Convocation was held at Louisville, October 18, 1869. M. E. Comp. Richard G. Hawkins, Grand High Priest; Comp. Philip Swigert, Grand Secretary. Eighty chartered and four Chapters under dispensation represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is short, and devoted to local matters. He thus speaks as regards the state of the order in the jurisdiction:

"The past year has been a quiet one with us—nothing having occurred to mar our tranquillity, and the order in this State is, as far as I can learn, in a prosperous condition. The reports will, I think, show a falling off from last year's returns; which, I trust, signifies that the Companions have begun to appreciate Capitalar Masonry, and do not believe that *any and every one* is fitted to become a Companion. Let us be still more careful, and let no petition be acted on without the most thorough scrutiny, and admit none but such as may stand the test of the Grand Overseer's square. While such are our members, we may *expect* to be united."

Financially this Grand Chapter is in flourishing condition, with twelve thousand dollars, available funds, in its treasury.

Comp. Henderson presents the Report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Chapters; our own for 1868 receiving favorable notice.

Four charters granted, one restored, one dispensation granted, and one continued.

A revised Constitution, By-laws, Rules, and Regulations adopted at this Convocation.

M. E. Comp. Edward B. Jones, of Paducah, was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Philip Swigert, of Frankfort, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 107 Chapters; 347 members; 306 exalted.

The next Convocation will be held at Louisville, 3rd Monday in October, 1870.

LOUISIANA.

The twenty-third annual Convocation was held in the city of New Orleans, February 15, 1870. M. E. Comp. Samuel M. Todd, Grand High Priest; Comp. J. C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary. Thirteen Chapters represented.

From the address of the Grand High Priest, we learn that prosperity and harmony prevail in this jurisdiction. He mentions, in feeling terms, the death of two of the oldest members of the Grand Chapter, M. E. Comp. W. H. Howard, and E. Comp. D. S. Ball, Past Grand Scribe.

Comp. Joseph P. Horner presented the Report on Correspondence, in his usual happy style, somewhat shortened in consequence of sickness, yet fully sustaining his reputation as a correspondent, in which he reviews the transactions of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, Illinois for 1868 receiving kindly mention.

The Grand Chapter, by a vote of thirty-three to twenty, are in favor of the continuance of the General Grand Chapter.

The Grand Representative system was adopted, and the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That if a candidate shall allow one year to elapse, after his election, without presenting himself for his degrees, he shall not thereafter receive them, until a new ballot be taken upon his petition, with a favorable result."

M. E. Comp. Hugh Breen, was elected Grand High Priest, Comp. James C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary, both of New Orleans.

Statistics: 25 Chapters; 1,510 members; 143 exalted.

Next Annual Convocation, February 10, 1871.

MAINE.

The annual Convocation held in Portland, May 3, 1870; M. E. Comp. Joseph P. Gill, Grand High Priest, Comp. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary. Thirty-two Chapters represented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivers quite a lengthy address, devoted principally to the interests of the Royal Craft of Maine. From the address, as well as those of the several deputies, we learn that "uninterrupted prosperity and harmony have characterized the Masonic year now closing. Scarcely a ripple has occurred to mar the surface of the stream on the tranquil bosom of which we have been safely carried amid the dangers and difficulties we are subject to while traveling the rough and rugged path of life, and the promise for the future is no less hopeful and cheering than has been the experience of the past."

Twice during the year had the grim messenger entered the home circle of the Grand High Priest, and called away from earth those near and dear to him.

One dispensation was issued during the year, for which a charter was granted.

Among several decisions submitted by the Grand High Priest, we find the following, which is so at variance with the practice of this jurisdiction, and so subversive of the harmony of the Royal Craft, that we give it entire :

"A candidate was regularly proposed and accepted and received the first three degrees; a member then objects to his receiving the R. A. Degree, refusing to give his reasons.

Ans. The candidate having received a part of the degrees, the objections must be made known to the Chapter, and the case decided by a majority vote."

We were glad to see that the committee on Jurisprudence were not able to agree upon this point, and asked time to take the matter under advisement.

The Grand High Priest says in conclusion : "I must give you the assurance, that after an experience of quite a number of years, I have learned more highly to understand and appreciate the priceless inheritance we have received from our fathers in this Institution of ours. You can scarcely estimate it too highly or cherish it too carefully. Its order, its decorum, its considerate and gentle respect for authority, and the discrete and amicable spirit with which those invested with power exercise it over their brethren and Companions, its concord, friendliness and charity, its inculcation of the strictest virtue and reverence of the Great I AM, are jewels of inestimable value. We may with admiration view its fair proportions, its strong towers, its impregnable defences against all dangers from without; and if we but practice its teachings and heed its requirements, it cannot fail to be a blessing to ourselves, and through us to our fellow-men."

Comp. J. H. Drummond presents the Report on Correspondence, reviewing in his clear and happy style the doings of thirty-five Grand Chapters, among them Illinois for 1869.

Comp. Drummond appends his usual valuable table of statistics, preceding which, as regards the labor thereof, he says :

"The effort to give a table of statistics is still a pursuit of knowledge under difficulties. It is a pity—if not a shame—that the value of the splendid tables of statistics given in some Proceedings should be so greatly diminished by the failure of some Grand Secretaries to give any.

"In some cases the columns are not footed; if they were, the time expended in doing it by one man would save the time of thirty or forty others in doing it as many times; in other cases, the number of members in each Chapter are given at the foot of the list; these have to be collected and added: in other cases the lists of members are given with no figures; and the names have to be counted; in some cases, no lists are given at all. In all the other cases, we can by labor obtain the figures desired, but in this last class we have as yet discovered no method of obtaining the statistics."

And in conclusion : "We find in some of the States a degree of apathy, and a lack of that prosperity which is indicated by a large increase of numbers; but generally, harmony and prosperity prevail. The sole discordant note, that destroyed the perfect harmony a year ago, has been hushed. We noted then the giving of frequent warnings upon the subject of intemperance. We believe there is somewhat less occasion for those warnings this year. It seems to us that

the lowest point in that direction has been reached, and that we have commenced an upward progress. The danger to the institution is within itself. Self indulgence and the fierce passion for getting money, come in direct conflict with all the Masonic virtues. The former have the vantage ground, and the latter require all the aid we can give by precept and example. We trust that neither of these will be wanting."

M. E. Comp. Stephen J. Young, of Brunswick, is Grand High Priest, Comp. Ira Berry, of Portland, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 33 Chapters; 2,790 members; 318 exaltations.

MARYLAND.

The annual Convocation was held in the city of Baltimore, November 8, 1869. M. E. Comp. Charles H. Ohr, Grand High Priest, Comp. W. A. Wentz, Grand Secretary. Nine Chapters represented and several distinguished visitors present. Comp. J. W. Austin, Gen'l Gr. H. Pr., John W. Simons, Gr. H. Pr., of New York, Jno. F. Houston, Gr. H. Pr., of Missouri.

From the address of the Grand High Priest, we learn that the peace and harmony of the jurisdiction has been undisturbed during the year,—speaks in feeling terms of the death of Comp. G. W. Haller, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, at the ripe age of seventy years, and recommends the cutting loose from the Council Degrees as practiced in the jurisdiction, thus:

"The subject of the Council Degrees is also considerably discussed, and great contrariety of practice prevails. In most of the States the Royal and Select Masters Degrees are not recognized by the Grand Chapter, but are under the jurisdiction of Grand Councils, and controlled by them. These degrees are not recognized in the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, neither are they named in any of our charters. Under what authority, and by what right, then, are they conferred by our Chapters? The absurdity of our position must become apparent, after very slight reflection, on this question. It is our duty to relieve ourselves from so questionable a practice."

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted, which bury in oblivion the former difficulties between Maryland and the District of Columbia:

"*Whereas*: Difficulties have heretofore existed between the Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia, and the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, arising from the fact that in the view of this Grand Chapter, the amendment to its Constitution necessary to give validity to the release of a portion of its territory, was not lawfully adopted, and

"*Whereas*: In view of the fact of the recognition of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and by a majority of, if not all the State Grand Chapters, and of the desire of this Grand Chapter to pay due respect to the judgments of the General Grand Chapter, and the wishes of the several State Grand Chapters, and to cultivate amicable and fraternal relations with all its peers, as well as to promote the harmony and unity of Royal Arch Masonry, notwithstanding the belief of its membership that its just rights in the premises have been overlooked, does hereby

"*Resolved*, 1. That the Grand Constitution be amended by striking therefrom so

much as relates to the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter over the territory of the District of Columbia.

“Resolved, 2. That this Grand Chapter does hereby waive and relinquish its jurisdictional rights over the District of Columbia so long as it remains the seat of the National Government, and also does hereby recognize the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia as a regular Grand Chapter, and entitled to all the rights and privileges of its peers throughout the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

“Resolved, 3. That henceforth the title of this Grand Chapter shall be the ‘Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Maryland.’

“Resolved, 4. That all resolutions heretofore passed by this Grand Chapter inconsistent with these resolutions be, and the same are hereby repealed.”

A Committee was appointed to revise the work and report at the next annual Convocation, also to report as to the propriety of separating the Council Degrees from the Chapter work.

Comp. E. L. Stevens presents an able Report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of thirty-five Grand Chapters, Illinois for 1868, among the number.

M. E. Comp. Charles H. Ohr, of Cumberland, was re-elected Grand High Priest, Comp. Wm. A. Wentz, of Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 10 Chapters; 988 members; 121 exalted.

Next annual Convocation will be held at Baltimore, November 14, 1870.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The well printed proceedings of this Grand Chapter are at hand, containing the report of the several stated and the annual Convocation of December 7, 1869.

This Grand Chapter seems to have taken up its permanent residence at Boston.

From the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. Henry Chickering, we learn that harmony and prosperity abide in this jurisdiction.

During the year he had visited thirty-six of the subordinate Chapters, accompanied in most cases by one or other of the Grand officers. In regard to this he says:

“In view of what I have seen, I can speak with confidence and of my own knowledge when I say that, almost without exception, the Chapters are in a flourishing condition, harmonious and prosperous. Most of them are following the prescribed ritual with a good degree of accuracy, and those that are deficient are showing a commendable degree of interest in perfecting themselves. In two or three Chapters where clouds have obscured their horizon, they have been dispelled, and the prospect before them is fair and bright, and we close the year with an almost cloudless sky.”

A resolution formally recognizing the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, was adopted.

The Grand High Priest thus speaks of the centennial anniversary of St. Andrews Royal Arch Chapter:

“This anniversary makes an important period in the history of Royal Arch Masonry in this State, and also in the country, and for this reason I speak of it. As this was the first Chapter organized in this State, or in the United States, it may

be considered as the parent of this branch of the Masonic Order in this country, and now, after a full century of honorable existence, its head hoary with the winters of a hundred years, with its children numbered by hundreds, it appears as fresh and vigorous as the youngest of the sisterhood of Chapters. All honor to her and her eventful history. Its roll of membership bears the names of many of the brightest ornaments of our Fraternity, and of our noble old Commonwealth. Such names as Gen. Joseph Warren, Col. Paul Revere, and many others that might be mentioned, are an honor to any institution, and the long list of worthies, eminent in State and Nation, as well as in Masonry, is one upon which the members of this Chapter may well look with justifiable satisfaction and pride."

Comp. John W. Dadmun presents the Report on Correspondence, in which he ably reviews the transactions of twenty-seven Grand Chapters. Illinois for 1868, receives kindly mention. In his review of Illinois, he thus gives his opinion in regard to objections to candidates:

"The case herein cited deserves special notice, as it is another illustration of the position we have taken elsewhere, to wit: that no applicant for the degrees, after receiving a favorable ballot, should be stopped on the mere "expressed wishes" of a member. "When the foreman asked promotion in the Chapter, the discharged engineer *objected*." It was right and proper that the Chapter should know the *grounds* of his objection, and advance the candidate if the objection was not well founded. So it would have been if the foreman had not received the Mark Degree, and the drunken engineer had objected, or called for a new ballot after he had been elected. If we do not take this position, there may be other cases where the Grand High Priest, or the High Priest of a Chapter, will have to exercise *extra* judicial power to vindicate the principles of Freemasonry."

With regard to the possibility and probability of our colored citizens becoming Masons, which seems now to be agitating some of our Grand Bodies, he gives us the following facts:

"Yes, the thing is not only 'possible' and 'probable,' but it has actually occurred in one of the oldest and most conservative Lodges in Boston. Bro. J. B. Smith, the celebrated colored caterer of Boston, made application to St. Andrew's Lodge for the degrees a little over two years ago, and, without any opposition or unusual delay, was accepted and made a Mason in due and ancient form. Since that, he has received the Chapter degrees in St. Matthew's R. A. Chapter, and the Orders of Knighthood in St. Omer Commandery. He is a *man, free born, of good report and well recommended*. In view of this fact, will Comp. Gouley be in favor of 'barring their doors against visitation by any of the *white* members' of St. Matthew's R. A. Chapter? It is an incontrovertible fact that there is no *fundamental* law against making Masons of colored men, and we do most heartily subscribe to the decision of the Grand Chapter of New York on this subject. The best way for us all is to 'keep cool,' and treat this subject upon its real merits."

In conclusion:

"As we expected at the outset, we have been intensely interested, and, we trust, not a little profited, in reading the proceedings of the Grand Chapters which have come into our hands. We commenced our report with some misgivings of our ability to condense and keep it within proper limits, and yet do justice to all. If

we have failed, we hope our Companions will exercise toward us that charity which covers a multitude of sins. We have seen much to commend and but little to censure. Some may class us among the 'flatterers,' but we do not plead guilty. We had rather give too much praise, than to withhold what is another's due. One may rob another's character by withholding a word of commendation when it is due him, or by detracting therefrom when he is assailed. We do not wish to be guilty of either. If we err, we prefer to err on the side of charity."

M. E. Comp. Henry Chickering of Pittsfield, re-elected Grand High Priest, Comp. Thomas Waterman, of Boston, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 44 Chapters; 5,247 members; 519 exalted.

MICHIGAN.

The twenty-first annual Convocation was held at Detroit, January 10, 11 and 12, 1870. M. E. Comp. William L. Webber, Grand High Priest; Comp. J. Eastman Johnson, Grand Secretary. Sixty-seven Chapters represented.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we learn that no disturbing element exists within the borders of Michigan.

One dispensation granted during the year.

The Grand High Priest suggests that proficiency in the degrees before advancement would be of benefit. Objects to the Grand Representative system on account of its expense (we do not see it thus), and, among other good things, makes the following remarks:

"Masonry is not a reformatory institution. We do not intend to take the vicious into membership to reclaim them. But all men are liable to err, and Masons are but men. Masons sometimes forget the right and pursue the wrong. To them, to our Brethren and Companions, we owe a double duty—the duty which every man owes to his brother man, and also the duty which one Mason owes to another. We must give him good counsel; if he is in want we must supply those wants, and thus remove temptation; we must in every possible way seek to aid his reformation. This is our duty to him—one that is too often forgotten, or "shirked" on the shoulders of others. But he also owes a duty to us. He has no right to do wrong. He has no right to defraud his neighbor, to get drunk, or otherwise be intemperate, to be profane, nor to violate the moral law in any of its requirements. Let us do our duty to him, and then if he fails to perform his duty, and disregards all his obligations to the Order, we may know that a mistake was made in the selection of material. All our impressive ceremonies, all our teachings, are insufficient to make him a Mason; he cannot appreciate truth—he must go among the rubbish. Kindly, sorrowfully, but firmly let this work of purging the Order be done, and it will soon become practically, what it now is theoretically, a band of Brothers and Companions, loving and being beloved, seeking each not his own but his brother's good, cultivating the social virtues, and striving to make not only all Masons, but all men, more loving, more charitable, more kind, wiser and better, and as a necessary consequence more happy in this world, and better prepared for that Spiritual Temple, that house not made with hands, in the world to come, which is prepared for all those who patiently and cheerfully perform their allotted duties in this life."

The Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia recognized by resolution.

Comp. J. Eastman Johnson presents the Report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of twenty-four Grand Bodies, Illinois for 1869 included.

Comp. Johnson goes against the Representative system, and asks the following pertinent questions:

"What are these Representatives to do? What are their instructions, or have they no instructions? Have they power to do pretty much as they please—that is, are they ministers plenipotentiary? What their functions may be, does not appear. But if they have any duties to perform, and one of them be to talk of the affairs of their principals, what business can be expected to be done hereafter in a Grand Chapter having present some fifty Representatives of other Grand Chapters, besides attending to the ministers plenipotentiary? In short, is not this whole scheme simply one through which distinguished Companions may be designated as ambassadors extraordinary?"

M. E. Comp. Charles H. Brown, of Kalamazoo, was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. J. Eastman Johnson, of Centreville, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 68 Chapters; 4,995 members; 475 exalted.

MINNESOTA.

The ninth annual Convocation, held at St. Paul, January 12, 1870, M. E. Comp. M. W. Getchell, Grand High Priest; Comp. W. S. Combs, Grand Secretary. Seventeen Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is mainly of a local character. From it we learn that harmony dwells within her borders. No question of grievance has come to his knowledge during the year. In conclusion he says:

"Now your duties as representatives of subordinate Chapters begin. You are to review the work of the past year; censure where you must, commend where you can, and draw the designs for the future, and having performed these duties, and elected and installed your Grand Officers, you will again depart, each to his allotted post, to perform his part in the great drama of life, and strengthened, I trust, by this brief interview, and better prepared to carry out in practice the beautiful teachings of Masonry. And so shall the world be better by your having lived in it; and the silent influence of our Order, like the leaven that was hidden in the three measures of meal, elevate, purify and bless mankind."

The Grand Representative system was adopted.

M. E. Comp. A. T. C. Pierson presents the Report on Correspondence, reviewing in his kindly manner the transactions of twenty-nine Grand Chapters, Illinois for 1868 included. In conclusion he says:

"Thus, Companions, concludes this, to us, very unsatisfactory report—unsatisfactory, because we are conscious that it does not give an appreciate *resume* of the various Proceedings submitted to us. Many, very many, hints, suggestions and practical recommendations scattered through the immense number of pages read, we have been compelled to pass over without notice.

"Commenced under disadvantageous circumstances, laid aside when half through to attend the burial of our aged father, in New York, and ended under no ordinary embarrassments, is our apology for its many deficiencies.

"And yet, the practical matter contained in the extracts made will be found worth the reading, and to the inquiring Mason, will suggest the wish that there were more of them."

M. E. Comp F. D. B. Porter, of Mankato, was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Wm. S. Combs, of St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 17 Chapters; no members; 144 exalted.

The next annual Convocation at St. Paul, January 12, 1871.

MISSISSIPPI.

The twenty-second annual Convocation was held in the city of Jackson, January 20 and 21, 1870. Sixty Chapters represented.

M. E. Comp. Robert B. Mayes, Deputy Grand High Priest, opens his address with the sad announcement, that

"Since our last annual Convocation, he whom you then elected to the office of Grand High Priest, has bowed before the King of Terrors. Or rather, as we are fain to believe, the Great High Priest of the Universe has said to him, 'Come up hither,' and has welcomed him with the plaudit, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of thy Lord.'

"I was officially notified of this sad event by the Grand Secretary, in a letter dated March 8, 1869; but it had been previously announced to me by Companion James M. Howry, P. G. H. P., in a letter dated March 4, 1869. He says: 'Companion Fee has passed away to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.' He had been confined to his house about ten days, but no one, except his family and physician, knew that he was seriously indisposed until a late hour yesterday. He sank very fast after nine o'clock, and at twelve breathed his last. Our community was greatly shocked, this morning, on hearing of his death, so unexpected and sudden. He left a feeble wife, a grown daughter and two or three children; but left them in easy circumstances, and had insurance on his life to the amount of ten thousand dollars.' It is gratifying to know that our Most Excellent Companion, like a Mason good and true, provided for those of his own household, so far as it was possible to be done by human foresight. May the Great High Priest complete what the departed husband and father could but imperfectly perform. May the God of all grace wipe away the tears of the widow and orphans. In the shadow of His wings may they make their refuge, until this calamity be overpast. And though the chastening, for the present, seemeth very grievous, may it yield unto them the peaceable fruit of righteousness. From us they need only sympathy and condolence, and that expression of respectful and fraternal regard for our departed Companion which he so richly merited, and which is ever grateful to those who are of heavy heart by reason of the shadow of death."

Two dispensations for new Chapters had been issued, and three charters granted. We note this among many other good suggestions:

"The religious man, of whatever creed, may select Masonry as an instrument with which to do some things which practical religion demands. But Masonry is not religion. Its religious creed is expressed in a single article of faith, com-

mon to all religions; namely, the existence of God; so that it may adopt the language of Pope's Universal Prayer,

“ ‘Father of all, in every age,
In every clime adored,
By saint, by savage and by sage,
Jehovah, Jove, our Lord.’ ”

“With these exceptions, Masonry has nothing in common with Religion, except works of charity; and while these may educate our youth, and ameliorate the condition of our kind, they can never redeem the depraved. Masonry may teach us to subdue the passions, but can not sanctify them. It may lead the erring to reformation, but not to that repentance which needeth not to be repented of. It may throw restraints around a Brother, which will cause his actions to pass the square of virtue; but it can not regenerate his nature. Masonry has done, is doing, and long may it continue to do, much good in the world; but hers are ancillary works. She claims for herself no more than to be the humble hand-maiden of Religion. And let not her votaries bring her into disrepute by pretensions which are so obviously unfounded. By arrogating to Masonry all that is effected by Religion, we will array against the former all the truly religious, who constitute at present the best element of our fraternity.”

Of the abuse of the ballot, he makes the following truthful remarks:

“Among the unworthy motives which sometimes cause Masons to abuse the black ball, perhaps the most common is resentment occasioned by the rejection of a friend. It is a motive which has at least one commendable element, devotion to one's friends; and it is therefore less reprehensible than mere malevolence toward a Brother Mason. But, while friendship is a Masonic jewel, it should not be manifested in an illegitimate and unmasonic manner. Let it go forth in offices of kindness to the friend, but not in acts of unkindness to those who have done no wrong.

“The rejection of a candidate must be attributed to one of three causes: first, his actual unworthiness; secondly, an erroneous opinion that he is unworthy; or, thirdly, the unworthiness of the negative voter. Masonic charity requires that we should not attribute it to the third cause without good reasons. If the friend of a Companion is rejected, the latter should remember that his own judgment is fallible, and may possibly have erred in his estimate of the candidate. But conceding the worthiness of his friend, it is possible that some Companion has honestly erred in a less favorable estimate of him. But if it were certain that some one has maliciously cast a black ball, that does not justify the friend of the rejected candidate in casting a black ball against a worthy Brother. In the first place, revenge is, at best, a very unworthy passion, and one which should never warp a Mason in the discharge of a Masonic duty, or the exercise of a Masonic privilege. In the second place, the blow of vengeance does not fall upon the offending party, but upon the applicant, who was certainly innocent of black-balling the previous applicant, and upon the Chapter, only one of whose members, perhaps, has offended. And in the third place, to reject a worthy Brother because another has been maliciously rejected, is to imitate the unworthy Companion who has aroused resentment, and render one's self as unworthy as he. Shall an honorable man

avenge himself on baseness, by rendering himself base? Shall we emulate the example which we despise? That be far from every Royal Arch Mason."

Comp. W. S. Patton presents an able Report on Correspondence, but we have to thank the printer for the very delicate type in which it is printed. Illinois, from some cause, failed to reach the Committee. We hope to do better in future. In conclusion he says :

"To the Reporters of the different jurisdictions, we can truly say that we derived unfeigned pleasure in perusing their interesting reports. May our correspondence long continue, in the unity of love, and the bonds of peace. Firm, and unimpaired by convulsions around us, is the gladsome cement which unites us—distinct as the billows, but one as the ocean. History, we learn, explains the future by the lessons of the past. If such is the fact, how very important for the future, that our reports may be such as will stand the test of the Overseer's Square. Then may we not doubt that whatever may be the vicissitudes of the hour, as we now look back the plane of time to our predecessors, and attest the firmness and stability of our venerable institution, so coming generations yet unborn will gladly, in their day, learn to contemplate its many virtues, and know of a truth, that it is superior to the storms which have strewed the land with fallen empires, the sea with scattered navies, and that it still survives, vital in every function, bright and shining as the morning star, like

" 'Some tall cliff that lifts its awful form,
Swells from the vale, and midway leaves the storm,
Tho' round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head.'

"How very important that we keep constantly in view the emphatic interrogation so often heard, 'What came ye here to do?' And if the principle involved in the true answer of this question be that on which we, as Reporters, shall deliberate and act, each of us will have the satisfaction of knowing that he has faithfully acted his part in extending and perpetuating the pure tenets of the Order.

"We know that we live in a peculiar age—an era marked for the daily exercise of power by our fellow-men. Every thing with which man is connected, whether it be social, moral or physical, to a greater or less extent, is under the influence of the potent and progressive power of the age. With what care, then, should we guard and seek to protect both the teachings and objects of our Order, lest we should admit the spirit of the age into the portals of the Chapter, and seek out the adorning novelties, only to mar and tarnish our system, which has been so long and so successfully preserved through the past. Surrounding creation tells of the greatness of man by subserving his wants and purposes. For his benefit, day and night visit the world; the seasons course their regular round; he is permitted to taste dainties of festivity, breathe the perfumes of the morning, revel on the charms of melody, and regale his eye with all the painted beauties of vision. He can commune with his Maker, and become conversant with the teachings of Heaven. But with all, he is a creature of passion. Uncontrolled, he is more of the fiend than the angel. When aroused to envy or revenge, he knows no bounds to his passion. Nothing can satiate ravenous appetite. In his rage, he spares neither sex, age nor

condition. Like a mighty avalanche turned loose from the mountain side, every thing in his way is borne down and crushed. The poor are trampled under foot, the helpless ground to the dust, and all the refined feelings of society are outraged. Honesty stands mute before him; the cry of the poor falls on deafened ears, the tears of the distressed fall before eyes that never weep, and sympathy's pathetic appeals are urged before a heart hard as adamant, and cold as the frozen region. We would ask, who can calm the angry ocean of passion? Is it Religion? Her arm is palsied; for the most horrid butcheries ever witnessed on earth have been perpetrated under her sacred and holy name. Morality is dumb, philosophy powerless, and law hangs its head in shameful silence.

"Masonry alone, by her silent but powerful word, can subdue the passions and keep them in due bounds. It is under her teachings, eternal peace sways an undisturbed sceptre, and passion lies a conquered, prostrate victim at her feet. Our building is yet perfect, its walls strong, its pillars upright, its *sanctum sanctorum* unprofaned; but the Mosque of Omer stands where the master-piece of our ancient brethren stood, and Tyre and her sister cities exist but in name. Kingdoms and empires have risen, gained glory, and have fallen again into ruin and nothingness; new lands have been discovered and peopled, but amid all this changing scene, our glorious and time honored Order has stood firmly, and yet stands, a monument of the otherwise unrelenting past. But think of Jerusalem as she was, and as she is at the present time. *Then*, the rising sun gilded the lofty pinnacles of the Temple which, by divine command, was erected upon Mt. Moriah to the Great I AM, and his setting rays kissed them as he passed down and disappeared behind the western skies. The Priests swung their censors and chanted the praise of the Most High God, and exhorted the people to Holiness to the Lord.

"The only tangible relic of the glory of the first Temple is our beloved Order. It has stood the test of time, and quietly overcome the efforts of fanaticism to destroy it, and is yet vigorous, although three thousand years have passed since it first assumed shape and comeliness. It now stands, a glorious monument of the past, and an ornament to the present."

A memorial page is dedicated to the memory of the Grand Secretary, Comp. Oscar T. Keeler, who, since the meeting of the Grand Chapter, has been summoned home. No better eulogy could be written than that upon the memorial page:

"A kind, polite, obliging and efficient officer. The appreciation by the Craft of his worth and usefulness may be estimated by his uninterrupted continuance in office from his first election till his summons to the Grand Lodge above."

M. E. Comp. R. B. Mayes, of Yazoo City, was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. J. L. Power, of Jackson, Grand Secretary, by appointment.

Statistics: 76 Chapters; 2,565 members; 201 exalted.

MISSOURI.

The twenty-first annual Convocation was held at St. Louis, October 6, 1869. M. E. Comp. Oren Root, Jr., Grand High Priest; Comp. Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary. Thirty-six Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is an able and lengthy document. We quote largely from the salutatory:

"To the God who has guided us through the twelve months past in safe and pleasant ways, who hath brought us here together with such auspicious omens, who hath so abundantly blessed our Order, we owe most reverent and earnest thanks; join we all in earnest prayer that his His loving favor and watchful guidance may be with us here and follow us through the months or years to come.

"We have come up hither from widely separated homes, and various walks in life, to consult for the good of our Order, and to renew for ourselves and our Companions, our vows of devotion to the principles and purposes of Royal Arch Masonry.

"The days of pilgrimage are not yet over. Though the children of the Abrahamic covenant no longer throng the mountain paths and valley ways of Judea, to worship at the Mount of Vision of the Lord; though cross-bearing myriads no longer by the thousand press to kneel at the sepulchre of Jesus; though saintly shrines, Saxon, and Frank and German, are no more enriched by the votive offerings of pious visitants; yet, even in our day, there are ideas which we revere and centres of influence to which we turn, to renew our strength and revive our zeal as pilgrims erst journeyed to hallowed shrines. As we stand here to-day, pilgrims at this central source of our Order, let us not forget the dignity and power and reality of our profession.

"History recognizes the power of the great pilgrimages of the past; it has and will recognize the power of our embodied principles—it surely deserves recognition. Masonry, as a teacher, contains the very element essential to civilization. Humanity is not rationality, for the acutest philosophy claims that there can be determined no difference, in kind, between the instinct of the brute and the reason of the man; humanity is not in speech merely, for beasts and birds have language, and tell their fears, and joys, and sorrows, as surely as do we; humanity is not knowing or telling, but the transmission and perpetuation of thought and knowledge, and speech, which lifts man above the brute; that one generation may know the thoughts, and words, and works of former generations, and, building upon these, may progress to higher thoughts and nobler works—this is civilization. This, Masonry has ever done, handing down lessons of wisdom from one generation to another, and preserving, unimpaired, through the ages, the tenets of instruction, Men may not need her lessons to-day, for the darkness is over, and thought, to-day, is all alive, reaching back to the past, reaching out into the future, but through many an age of ignorance, Masonry has served to keep bright the wise lessons of former times, and to perpetuate the knowledge of truth.

"But there is another phase of our Craft whereon the world day by day bestows more and more of honored recognition.

"Masonry recognizes the brotherhood of humanity. Men learn this lesson slowly; through strife and fire and blood the nations are struggling toward it; through narrow hatred and prejudice, through pride of nation, and birth and language, the people are learning it. Science and art have long acknowledged no bounds of country or kin which should shut out a common interest in toil and honor. But to-day the people begin to break down barriers; and the workmen of France, and England and America, join hands in recognition of a brotherhood unbounded

by rivers, or mountains or seas; untrammelled by language, customs, or birth, judging men as men, by their lives and deeds. Thus, as the world grows in knowledge, it grows in love; the hearts of the people beat more and more in unison as the great heart of humanity.

"And what is all this but the lesson which for centuries past our Masonic Order has taught in symbols, and striven to teach in deeds? The world recognizes it too, for literature has adopted our name, and calls this growing brotherhood the 'Masonry of humanity.'

"We, as Masons, are doing our share in hastening the time when bonds of truth and love, reverence and faith, shall bind all men. We may well, then, be proud of our profession, and strive to make our lives accord with our Masonic principles. In all my intercourse with the Craft during the past year, I have endeavored to call attention to the inner dignity and force of our rites and vows; to inculcate a charity broader and deeper than any that can be measured in currency, a truth and faith purer and nobler than of mere words or professions, a love and companionship firmer and faster than merely in the Lodge room or in name."

Dispensations for nine new Chapters were issued during the year, for which Charters were granted.

The Grand High Priest disfavors the conventional system of instruction as "inefficient, instructing only a few Companions," and recommends the appointment of a Grand Lecturer.

A Committee recommend the districting of the State into four districts, which plan was adopted.

In conclusion, he says:

"I can most truly say, that I believe Royal Arch Masonry throughout this jurisdiction to be in a most prosperous and flourishing condition.

"I can only express the desire that more and more from year to year, our Companions may, in heart and life, accord in spirit and in truth, with the vows and principles of Royal Arch Masonry."

Comp. Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary, presents the Report on Correspondence, reviewing, in his happy manner, the transactions of thirty-one Grand Chapters. Illinois, for 1869, receives attention.

Comp. John F. Houston, of Richmond, was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Geo. F. Gouley re-elected Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 54 Chapters; 2,411 members; 393 exalted.

NEBRASKA.

The third annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this young State assembled at Nebraska City, October 25, 1869. M. E. Comp. D. H. Wheeler, Grand High Priest. Four Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is short, and mainly local.

He says:

"Time—which brings gray hairs, sickness and death—has visited us lightly, and our circle, which met one year ago around this altar, are again permitted to enjoy the pleasure of exchanging the friendly word and grasping the hand warm with friendly and brotherly greetings."

One dispensation for a new Chapter was issued, to which a charter was granted as Eureka No. 5, at Falls City.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. Geo. B. Graff, reviewing the transactions of twenty-nine Grand Chapters. Among them we find Illinois, for 1868.

M. E. Comp. R. C. Jordan, of Omaha, was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. R. W. Furnas, of Brownsville, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 5 Chapters; 202 members; 24 exalted.

NEW JERSEY.

The thirteenth annual Convocation was held in the city of Trenton, September 8, 1869. M. E. Comp. Jesse P. Case, Grand High Priest, Comp. John Woolverton, M. D., Grand Secretary. Twenty-one Chapters represented.

"The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, Comp. Rev. L. L. Noble, Grand Chaplain, leading in solemn prayer, after which the following ode was sung:

"Ain—' Auld Lang Syne."

I.

"Happy to meet, Companion mine,
Upon this checker'd floor;
Happy to grasp that hand of thine,
And spend a social hour:
Happy to meet tho' brief the stay
That we together be;
Happy to flee from care away,
To meet with such as thee.

II.

"Happy to leave the world awhile—
Its troubles and its cares—
Happy to meet and here beguile
An hour with plumb and square;
Happy to meet, Oh! happier we,
Than worldlings e'er can know,
Happy to meet Companions free,
Where comes not pomp or show.

III.

"Sorry to part, though down the West
The evening sun descends;
Sooner we think than e'er before
Did peal the signal chime;
Happy to meet again, we part,
Each wending home his way,
Hoping at last, with each true heart,
To meet in endless day."

From the short but excellent address of the Grand High Priest, we quote the following:

"During the past year nothing has occurred to disturb our harmony, while prosperity has been the hand-maid of our Order, and it is gratifying to have the pleasure of reporting that the interest of Royal Arch Masonry in the State of New Jersey is improving, both as regards the material offered and work executed. During my

official visitations an improvement of marked character has been discernible. The uniformity in which the Chapters are now rendering the work of this Grand Body must of necessity soon give to Royal Arch Masonry of this State a still higher standing in sister jurisdictions. Too much diligence cannot be exercised in preserving the phraseology of her beautiful ritual, that it may be handed down to our successors unimpaired. Neither can too much care be exercised in conferring the degrees, for here lays the foundation of our Temple; upon this must our structure stand; the impressions made upon the candidate must be lasting; the stones must be properly 'hewed and squared,' for only 'square work is received,' while the cement should be composed of hearts deeply interested in the stability of our institution; no disjointed or imperfect work should be allowed, for as the child of Masonry is instructed so will he direct his labors. If the degrees have been lightly conferred no beauty presents itself to him, and the impressions which should have been made are lost. He goes forth from among us uninstructed, his interest lost, unprepared as a teacher, and incapable of examining the hidden beauties veiled in the construction of our Mystic Temple.

"Companions, although our mystic labors are veiled in signs and emblems, known only to those who have passed the 'veils' and been admitted into the presence of the 'Grand Council,' still it is incumbent upon us whose names are inscribed upon the banner of the Holy Royal Arch, to search our hearts, that nothing impure may be brought as a sacrifice where incense burns both day and night. Let us draw the veil for a moment, and search the inner Temple—that spiritual casket—and see that the incense therein offered is pure; that no discordant or impure odors may ascend into the presence of our Great High Priest; let us measure our lives by the teachings laid down in the book of the Law, found in the ark, and accept that as a covenant with our God. Finally, Companions, assembled as we are here to-day, let us imitate our first Grand Master. May no sound of discord be heard, but with *wisdom* proceed in our deliberations, while we gain *strength* from unity of action, may *beauty* adorn our labors, and our love for the institution be our guide; let our hearts be the *trestle-board* upon which our designs shall be drawn, there to remain in characters of love until the *Archangel* shall declare that time shall be no more."

The Grand High Priest thus remarks in regard to a practice prevalent in this and some other Grand Chapters, of admitting as members the representatives of newly chartered Chapters:

"I have searched several authors to find authority for this, but can find nothing to reconcile this practice. For if a Chapter cannot legally proceed in conferring the various degrees after receiving her charter, without first having her officers installed and body instituted, the Chapter is certainly not properly and constitutionally completed, and I would, therefore, recommend that the practice of admitting representatives of newly chartered bodies to full powers and prerogatives be discontinued in this Grand Body."

The Committee to which the matter was referred, report adversely:

"Referring to the practice of this Grand Body admitting the representatives of newly chartered Chapters as members before installation, your Committee believe that it has always been the practice of this Grand Body to admit as members of its

body those representatives of Chapters who have received a charter, and who have been installed into their respective offices by this Grand Chapter, and your Committee cannot but believe that this course is perfectly regular and constitutional; for if this Grand Chapter does not create the new Chapter, then your Committee fail to find the power that gives it life; the mere institution certainly does not. The Constitution clearly defines that each Chapter shall be entitled to representation."

Comp. Thomas J. Corson, presents a long and very interesting Report on Masonic Correspondence. Thirty-six Grand Chapters were present at roll call, Illinois for 1868, among the rest of her sisters. In conclusion he puts in a few words:

"A few words about this 'Mutual Admiration Society,' as some have chosen, with much facetiousness, but no originality, to designate the Reportorial Corps, As a member of that august body, we feel bound to preserve its fair fame and name from slander and aspersion. We are a member of this society, and we intend to retain our membership as long as possible. Will anybody show us good cause why this society should be disbanded? Not just yet, for it hasn't fully accomplished the mission whereunto it was sent. Some of our fellow-reporters seem to have horrible horripilations because a modicum of praise has been bestowed upon those who have done their duty well and faithfully. They seem to think that it is wicked to admire—or at least sacrilegious to express that admiration—those who perform their duty manfully and thoroughly. Why should we not 'mutually admire' where admiration is deserved? Is not the workman worthy of his hire, and does not the laborer earn his due? Shall we refuse to bestow the pleasant oil of praise when it has been fairly earned? No greater incentive to the performance of duty can be found than the hope of gaining praise and approval. We are told on good authority, that if we perform our duties well in this life, we shall hereafter receive the plaudits of angels and the congratulations of redeemed spirits, and shall also receive from the Supreme Judge of Heaven and Earth, whose approval secures eternal life, the blessed welcome, 'well done, good and faithful servant'—and for that well-doing—mind you, for that performance of duty—we will be bidden to enter into the joy of the Lord.

"But (say these Uriah Heeps and Chadbands of Masonic literature, whose reports make as light and pleasant reading as an essay upon the integral and differential calculus, or a dissertation upon Hebrew points) the dignity of our Order is degraded by the light and trifling manner in which some of these reports are written. Is it so? Now we are probably the chief of sinners in this respect, and yet we do protest that even our reports contain information that is of inestimable value to our Companions, and which cannot be obtained elsewhere. And we do declare that we labor assiduously to place before our Companions such knowledge as we can procure, and which we know will interest our fellows. But again, say these snarlers, some of the Reporters actually joke and incorporate fun in their reports, whereas we want nothing but facts and figures. Well, for one, we plead guilty to the charge. We believe that there is a time to laugh, and if we can provoke a smile and cause a cheerful cachinnation by our buffoonery, we thereby aid digestion and benefit the mind as well as warm the heart and expand the lungs. Why, grave and reverend seignors, whose phylacteries are so fearfully enlarged, know you not that

" 'Mirth is the medicine of life,
It cures its ills, it heals its strife,
It gently smoothes the brows of care,
And drives away the furrows there.'

"Are the magnificent reports of Drummond any the less valuable because he occasionally makes a pleasant joke? Are the reports of Gardner—cold and classical as an iceberg—impaired in value because he will once in a while say a pleasant thing? Are the annual Communications of Munger less reliable because like St. Nicholas,

" 'He has a broad face and little round belly,
That shakes when he laughs, like a bowl full of jelly.'

"Why, my dearly beloved specimens of solidified dignity, you are not bound to read the whole of the report. When you dine at a first class hotel, do you go regularly through the bill of fare, ordering every article *seriatim*, or do you select such as your taste approves? We once heard of a man who became terribly enraged because he found some walnuts in a package of nutmegs which his son had brought from the corner grocery. With his 'eyes in fine frenzy rolling,' he rushed to the store to have the mistake rectified, and found to his utter discomfiture, that the clerk had 'thrown in' the walnuts without decreasing the legitimate quantity of nutmegs. Now if there are any parts of our reports which you don't like, just don't read them. You may prefer clams and codfish for your dinner, but we like to have a little Charlotte Russe and Blanc Mange by way of dessert."

Thus speaks Companion Hopkins of Pennsylvania in his last report to the G. Commandery of that State, and truer words were never uttered:

"Toward the elevation and advancement of our Order, none have labored more faithfully, or efficiently, than the Committees on Foreign Correspondence of the various States. They form a glorious band of true-hearted Knights, with whom we have performed several years of pilgrimage, with whom we have had many a friendly joust, and from whom we part with unaffected and sincere regret. Year after year we have been grappled to them with hooks of steel; and although we cease to be an active member, we still claim an honorary position in the great 'Mutual Admiration Society.' The friendships thus formed will be to us an enduring and fragrant memory.

"Therefore we still exclaim, *Vive la 'Mutual Admiration Society,' a bas* Condemnation cliques, *a bas, a bas* Denunciation Dumlies."

M. E. Comp. David S. Buttey, of Newark, was elected Grand High Priest, Comp. John Woolverton, of Trenton, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 22 Chapters; 1,602 members; 255 exalted.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The annual Convocation assembled at Concord, May 17, 1870. M. E. Comp. Daniel R. Marshall, Grand High Priest, Comp. Horace Chase, Grand Secretary. Twelve Chapters represented.

From the address of the Grand High Priest, we learn of the prosperity and success of this Grand Chapter:

"We have been blessed with a success hitherto almost unequaled. Our accession of numbers has been from the best portions of the community. Men of all ranks, but more especially from the active business walks and the higher social relations, are pressing forward and asking to join our standard. While it becomes us to encourage all truly good men, who have a clear, fair, unblemished reputation and character, by giving them a membership, it also becomes the imperative duty of every earnest and true-hearted Companion, to guard carefully the approaches to our sanctuary, and admit no one of questionable reputation; for such only seek us for selfish ends."

One dispensation for a new Chapter was issued during the year for which a charter was granted.

The Grand High Priest recommends the adoption of a resolution requiring:

"Every candidate for the Chapter degrees must apply to the Chapter nearest his residence, by the nearest traveled way."

And also recommends the regulation of fees for degrees conferred by dispensation. We never knew before that degrees thus conferred were worth less or more than those obtained the regular way.

The Report on Masonic Correspondence was presented by Comp. John J. Bell, presenting the subjects discussed by twenty-eight of the several Committees on Correspondence.

He says:

"No more than the usual amount of questions have been mooted, nor perhaps an unusual number of new ancient landmarks discovered by zealous brethren in their search among the ruins."

And in conclusion:

"There are other matters we had marked for comment; but the time at our disposal will not permit us to extend the report to greater length. We therefore submit what we have done, in the hope that, however imperfectly, we have done something to promote the harmony of the Craft."

M. E. Comp. Jno. A. Harris was elected Grand High Priest, Comp. Abel Hutchins, Grand Secretary, both of Concord.

Statistics: 17 Chapters; 1,594 members; 147 exalted.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The twenty-first Annual Convocation was held at Wilmington, December 1, 1869. M. E. Comp. W. G. Hill, Grand High Priest; Comp. Thomas B. Carr, Grand Secretary. Eleven Chapters represented.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we learn that dark clouds still lower upon the progress of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction. He says:

"Through all our borders we have felt that apathy, neglect, and indifference, still overshadowed us; so far from advancing, we have scarcely maintained our position in numbers and effective influence. In some places the light seems to have gone out; in others, all is dimness and uncertainty; and very few seem to have that full, rich light which animated our ancient Companions. We have painfully felt this condition for the last few years, and at each Convocation we have hoped that before the next the shadows would leave and the morning dawn;

but still our prospects are not visibly better than in the past. We are sure, however, that these gloomy days will cease; we know that truth will live through all time, and we have no fear that our fraternity will ever cease to be."

We commend the following:

"Levity or carelessness in performing any part of our work is destructive of the very purpose intended, unbecoming in the workmen, and an inexcusable perversion of the most imposing and solemn symbols of truth. Suffer me to urge all Companions always to remember the august nature of our rites, the undying truth we inculcate, the great characters personated, and the high dignity of our vocation. Workmen who are fitting in the key-stone of the Temple must not be men who prefer to be jesters and buffoons rather than the greatest of the earth. Be true, be dignified, and be great, at least while representing what is great."

Comp. Alfred Martin presents an able and lengthy report on Masonic Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of twenty-seven Grand Chapters. Illinois for 1868 receives fraternal notice.

In conclusion he says:

"We have, for many years, been accustomed to examine the Masonic Correspondence of the Grand Masonic bodies, but in all our experience we have never been so much charmed with the tone, temper, and spirit of these reports as with those which it has been our duty, and we can truly say our pleasure, during the past year, to peruse. We have been particularly struck with that true, genial, and fraternal spirit that, with two exceptions, pervades all that have come into our hands, as well as with the distinguished ability generally displayed in these productions. Though the hours which we have devoted to their examination have been stolen entirely from those which nature claims for refreshment and sleep, yet, the pleasure that we have derived from their perusal has, to the mind, if not to the body, been a full equivalent. Our brother reporters have, for many weeks, been our nightly associates, each contributing to our stock of Masonic knowledge and to our pleasure. And now that all have departed, many, alas! to return no more,

" ' We feel like one who treads alone
Some banquet hall deserted.'

"The numerous testimonials to departed Companions that we have met with in the proceedings which we have examined, admonish us that we cannot reasonably expect to meet again all those representatives of the Fraternity with whom we have, within the last few weeks, spent so many pleasant hours; therefore, for each and all we invoke Heaven's choicest blessings, both temporal and eternal."

M. E. Comp. William Murdock, of Salisbury, was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. T. B. Carr, of Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

A Convocation of Royal Arch Masons, for the purpose of forming a Grand Chapter for the Province of Nova Scotia, was held at Halifax, October 14, 1869. Four Chapters represented, viz.: Royal Union, No. 118, R. E.; St. Andrews, No. 55, R. S.; Hiram, No. —, R. C.; and St. John, No. 130, R. S. The three former proceeded to form a Grand Chapter, the latter dissenting.

M. E. Comp. Alexander Keith was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. James Gossip, Grand Secretary.

Several emergent Convocations were held on the 28th of December, 1869, and the 22nd of June, 1870, and the first annual Convocation at Halifax, June 23, 1870. M. E. Comp. S. R. Sircom, Grand King, acting as M. E. Grand High Priest, and James Gossip, Grand Secretary.

No address accompanies the report of transactions.

A lengthy circular issued from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, dissenting to the formation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, is printed at length, together with other correspondence on the subject, giving the reasons for the formation of the Grand Chapter, which, having been done in a legal manner, we see no reason why the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia should not receive the recognition of her sister Grand Chapters in the United States.

Comp. J. Conway Brown presents a good review of such Grand Chapters as have come to hand, reviewing the transactions of fifteen Grand Chapters.

The order of High Priesthood was also established, and both are now in successful operation.

M. E. Comp. Alexander Keith was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. James Gossip, Grand Secretary; both of Halifax.

NEW YORK.

The seventy-third annual Convocation was held in the city of Albany, February 1, 2, 3, and 4, 1870. M. E. Comp. John W. Simons, Grand High Priest; Comp. Christopher G. Fox, Grand Secretary. One hundred and fifty-five Chapters represented.

From the excellent address of the Grand High Priest we learn that—

“Harmony and peace have prevailed in our midst, and there has been vouchsafed to us a goodly share of prosperity. Our Chapters, as a general rule, have had sufficient employment, and our ranks have been augmented with as great a degree of rapidity as the most ardent could reasonably desire to witness.”

He thus feelingly mentions the death of the R. E. Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Comp. Chas. H. Platt:

“One sad thought clouds this otherwise pleasant view. One office is vacant. One voice forever hushed in the councils of men. One kindly face and one warm friend and companion is absent, never again to meet with us till, in the fullness of time, we shall have passed through the veils, and sought him in the presence of the Eternal. Ere yet the echoes of our last annual Convocation had faded away, we were thrilled, as by lightning in the clear sky, when throughout the State it was announced that our Grand Chaplain, Rev. Chas. H. Platt, had been summoned to the final rest. No one who knew him but felt his loss as that of a personal friend, for his character was of that genial kind which appeals to the better qualities of the heart, while his intercourse awakened sentiments that in the presence of common men would have lain dormant. Eloquent without pretension, warm-hearted by nature, sincerely and unostentatiously pious, zealous as the young and wise as the old, we felt that upon him the mantle of the revered and lamented Salem Town had most fittingly descended. To know him was to love him, to

name him was to praise. But death, with relentless purpose, withdrew him from among us, and now he sleeps as one whose day hath been fairly wrought, and for us there is a witness in heaven."

Dispensations for twelve new Chapters were issued by the Grand High Priest, and three by the Deputy, making a total of fifteen.

With regard to the order of High Priesthood, which is under the supervision of the Grand Chapter, he says:

"I find considerable misunderstanding as to the regulations of the order of High Priesthood; many Companions entertaining the idea that no High Priest can pre-side until he has been regularly anointed, overlooking the interval between election and the succeeding meeting of the Grand Chapter, during which time the law does not apply. I regard the regulation as in all respects wholesome, and entertain no doubt but that, in another year, Companions will understand its workings and concede its propriety.

"There is some disposition among other Grand Chapters to criticise the act of this body in taking charge of the order of High Priesthood; but, after careful reflection, I see no reason why we should not congratulate ourselves upon our act. Before the adoption of the present regulations, the order was in irresponsible hands, and it was optional with High Priests of Chapters to be anointed or not. In that shape the order amounted to nothing. As it is, the Grand Chapter, in assuming its control, and making its reception obligatory on all High Priests in the jurisdiction, raises it to its proper and dignified place, and preserves it from the danger of oblivion. Objection has been made that Grand Chapters, being legislative bodies, cannot confer degrees at which a portion of the members may not assist. But the fact is, the Grand Chapter does not confer the degree or order, but sanctions its being conferred by those who possess it, and are competent to impart its ritual and instruction. It has been further objected, that the General Grand Chapter, while commending the order to elected High Priests, has not made it obligatory. This in no wise militates against the validity of our action, which is a local measure, believed to be for the best interest of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction, and therefore one on which we are entirely competent to pass. While I, for one, would be glad always to have the favorable opinions of our peers, I would not undo a correct action for that purpose. It is clear to my mind that in this matter we are right, and that our system will eventually commend itself to general adoption."

And the following remarks about legislation have the true ring in them:

"I do not hesitate to say, Companions, that I am a believer in the least possible amount of legislation compatible with an orderly and systematic conduct of our affairs as a Grand Chapter; and that we should rather seek to avoid cumbering our statute book with needless and ill-considered laws—which require constant amendment, and in many cases entire repeal to prevent injurious consequences. Our subordinates may be better trusted to look after their own interests, and regulate their domestic affairs, than be tormented with a constant succession of regulations, not always conceived in wisdom, nor possible of adaptation to the wants and condition of all Chapters alike. The prosperity of the body in general depends upon the wholesome condition of the several parts, and these will not long persist in a

course inimical to their own well-being. Such laws as may be necessary to insure the application of the general principles enunciated in the Constitution, to preserve uniformity of doctrine, work, and practice, and to promote harmony and good fellowship among the Companions, need not occupy a large space, nor be at all intricate in form or detail, nor should they be so constructed as in themselves, or by their number and variety, to require more than a fair share of intelligence to understand them, and thus make obedience natural and easy.

"The true office of the law is to protect the individual in his just rights, and thus establish the general welfare; to mark the not always distinct boundary line between liberty and license, and to hold the scales of justice in equal poise, rather than to hamper the actions of men by a multitude of petty and annoying enactments, defeating themselves by their very needlessness, and thus aiding to bring all law into contempt. It is none the less true, that these considerations are greatly overlooked in all organizations of men, and that there is an evident tendency in all bodies to legislate apparently for the mere sake of legislation, for the exhibition of power, and sometimes without any well defined purpose, and thus it is that the legislative faculty is kept bright by constant use, and that the world is so full of law.

"We need rather to cultivate the spirit of harmony in our Chapters and among our Companions, to be not hasty in fault-finding, and patient with the erring; to increase the interest in our meetings by an increase of the spirit of the institution; by greater love toward each other, and greater reverence to the Eternal, without whose blessing all our efforts will be vain and fruitless; to the end that the Companions shall look forward to the convocations of their Chapters, as a traveler in the desert looks to his arrival at some secluded spot where he may rest from his toil and gather new energy for the journey before him; to educate ourselves in the sublime principles of our art, and make our progress manifest in our daily walk and conversation, being assured that for every step of progress thus made, there will be need for one step less in the way of legislation."

The order of High Priesthood was conferred on forty-six elected High Priests.

Comp. Joseph White presents an able report on Masonic Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of thirty Grand Chapters, in which our Grand Chapter for 1868 receives fraternal mention.

M. E. Comp. John W. Simons was re-elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Chr. G. Fox, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 168 Chapters; 14,401 members; 2,148 exalted.

OHIO.

The fifty-third annual Convocation (called communication) held at Cleveland, October 15, 1869. M. E. Comp. C. C. Kiefer, Grand High Priest, Comp. John D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand High Priest is entirely of a local character. He says:

"It affords me pleasure to be able to communicate to you that during the past year, peace and tranquility have prevailed among the subordinate Chapters in our jurisdiction, and that their labors have been abundantly blessed."

Dispensations were issued for six new Chapters, to which charters were granted.

With regard to the Past Master Degree, he makes the following remarks, which from personal observation we know to be true :

" I have often been present in subordinate Chapters, during the conferring of degrees, when Companions present would seek to make the occasion one of mirth, and amuse themselves at the expense of the candidate. This is all wrong, and ought not to be suffered for a moment. Our Ritual is a beautiful one, and, if properly understood, and the truths and precepts it contains are properly placed before the mind of the candidate, they can not fail to have the effect intended upon the ' future life and conduct ' of the candidate. Companions, let us seek to raise our standard still higher. The present Ritual, with few exceptions, is being rapidly acquired by the subordinate Chapters, and I hope the day is not distant when every Chapter in this jurisdiction will conform to the recommendations of the Grand Chapter, and use the Ritual adopted by the Grand Chapter. I know there are some esteemed Companions among us who care but little for a uniform work, but, Companions, is not uniformity better than confusion ? "

The Grand Treasurer shows a replete treasury balance, \$4,809.15.

Comp. W. M. Cunningham submits the Report on Correspondence, reviewing in an able manner the transactions of twelve Grand Chapters, and in a supplement, following the meeting of the Grand Chapter, thirteen more make their appearance, the reason whereof is to be found in the following terse sentences :

" In the year 1866 your Committee had under review the printed proceedings of twenty-one Grand Chapters.

" In 1867 they reviewed the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Bodies ; and in 1868 the Committee had under consideration the printed proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, and thirty State Grand Chapters. But in 1869 (as occurred in 1865), the chairman of your Committee not being a resident of the city of Cincinnati (and thereby have ready access to the proceedings as received), the printed transactions of but twelve Grand Bodies have been submitted to them for review.

" In the opinion of your Committee, the discrepancy is too great to again entirely attribute their non-reception to the irregularity of mails or carelessness in other jurisdictions, as in former instances."

The following is too good to be lost, therefore the printer is requested to put it in :

" The modern practice in Masonic bodies of measuring the intellectual capacity of its members by their solemnity of visage, facial length and *wordy asceticism*, is passing away. The theory that a long face, solemn visage and canting words, are indicative of sense and piety, is an exploded humbug, and an *innovation* that should have no place in the Masonic institutions, whilst goodness of heart and fertility of brain may cause witty mirthfulness when at refreshment, yet they are not incompatible with the solemn duties of labor when ' at work. ' "

No mention is made of Illinois. We remember having sent six copies of our proceedings to Grand Secretary Caldwell.

M. E. Comp. C. C. Kiefer, of Dayton, re-elected Grand High Priest ; Comp. John D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 119 Chapters ; 5,945 members ; 802 exaltations.

OREGON.

The ninth annual Convocation, held at Portland, June 18, 1869. M. E. Comp. John P. Bagley, Grand High Priest; Comp. R. P. Earhart, Grand Secretary. Five Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest says he has granted no dispensations, nor made any official decisions requiring the action of the Grand Chapter. Peace and harmony have prevailed.

Comp. J. H. Wythe presents the Report on Correspondence, in which he notices the transactions of fourteen Grand Chapters; Illinois we find among the number.

We refer the following to Comp. Corson for dissection :

"The reports of the various committees on Foreign Correspondence are both witty and wise. It is a matter of regret, however, that the tendency to witticism and personality so largely prevails. While it renders the reports racy and readable, it detracts somewhat from the dignity which should characterize our published proceedings. 'A little nonsense now and then, is relished by the wisest men,' but its publication is a matter of questionable propriety. It is in no captious spirit we write this criticism, but from a desire to promote the real good of the Royal Arch."

M. E. Comp. James R. Bayley, of Corvallis, is Grand High Priest; Comp. R. P. Earhart, of Salem, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 5 Chapters ; 161 members ; 9 exalted.

PENNSYLVANIA.

We have before us a well printed pamphlet of the abstract of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, at its several quarterly and annual Communications for the years 1868-69, but Royal Arch Masonry in the Key-Stone State is so very different from that we have been instructed in, that we are at a loss where to begin.

At the annual Communication (so called), held at Philadelphia, December 28, 1868, M. E. Comp. George Griscom, Grand High Priest, after having been installed into office, delivered a lengthy address, devoted principally to a review of his visitations during the past year.

At the quarterly Communication, August 5, 1869, we find the following, which is not our usual custom :

"That in all cases Chapters must open in the Royal Arch Degree before proceeding to work ; and after conferring the Mark or Most Excellent Degree, the Chapter must be re-opened in the Arch, before closing for the evening."

At the quarterly Communication, November 4, 1869, M. E. Comp. George Griscom declining re-election, Comp. Michael Nisbet was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and John Thompson, Secretary.

At the annual Communication, December 27, 1869, M. E. Comp. Griscom made an excellent parting address, from which we extract the following, in regard to his duties as Grand High Priest :

"The duties and responsibilities of the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania are all important, diversified and extensive. They include a supervision of the whole

of this great jurisdiction, reaching through every quarter of the broad domain of our Commonwealth. Throughout this great field he has sole and absolute sway, unlimited except by the expressed provisions of the Constitution. Over this vast brotherhood of Companions of the Royal Art, and this great sisterhood of subordinate Chapters, it is his duty to keep a constant and vigilant care. He must counsel, direct and guide, as well as correct, command and control them in every phase of their multifarious interests and proceedings. He must attend to their requests, rectify their errors, decide doubtful questions, give the aid and instruction in the work on all practicable occasions, and during his term personally visit every Chapter, as far as in his power.

"A thorough and earnest discharge of this office involves great personal sacrifice, and absolutely requires the power of considerable physical endurance."

M. E. Comp. Nisbet, having been installed into office, delivered his inaugural, which was lengthy, and contains many good points. He thus speaks as regards hasty work :

"Doing the work in a short way, which is the sugar-coated way of saying a degree has been but partially conferred, must be stopped. This evil arises from some of the Chapters having more work than can be properly done at the regular meetings; and in order to get through and avoid holding extra meetings, a considerable portion of our beautiful ritual is omitted, which is a wrong to the candidate and a violation of the regulations of the Grand Chapter.

"An applicant, who has been found worthy and duly approved, and remains under good report, is entitled to receive all that he applies for; and the Chapter or Lodge is bound to give him all that the Grand Chapter says he is to receive. Work thus hurried is never well done.

"Masonry seeks no man, but quietly waits to be sought; and he who desires to enjoy the rights, privileges and benefits of Free Masonry, must abide Masonry's own time to confer those rights, privileges and benefits upon him."

Comp. Charles E. Meyer presents a carefully prepared and excellent report on Masonic Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of thirty-four Grand Chapters, among which we find Illinois for 1867 and 1868.

As to the peculiarities of Pennsylvania Royal Arch Masonry, we must ask pardon of Comp. Drummond, of Maine, for encroaching on his review :

"Pennsylvania Royal Arch Masonry is quite an anomaly. It differs largely, if not essentially, from that of the rest of the United States. The members are large-hearted, whole-souled men, fully imbued with the spirit of Masonry. But yet, as a body, they are exclusive, seeming to think that Pennsylvania Masonry is perfect, and every thing differing from them is wrong: but they keep it to themselves in its perfection, and allow every body else to do the same. They publish but little, and we may defy any one to find out much of their condition from what they do publish. So far as we know, they have published abstracts from their proceedings only for 1860, 1863 and 1864, previously to the pamphlet now under consideration.

"We have taken some pains to obtain some information upon this subject, which we shall proceed to give, and if we fall into any error, we trust our Companions will correct it.

"Sometime before 1758, a Chapter was established in Philadelphia (working only the Royal Arch Degree), under the warrant of Lodge No. 3, working by authority from the 'Grand Lodge of all England,' commonly known as the 'Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons.' In 1786, this, with other Lodges, formed the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Other Chapters had been established in the same manner. Of all of these the new Grand Lodge assumed the control. But in 1795, for good reasons, a Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened under the immediate sanction of the Grand Lodge, composed of 'all past and existing officers of the Grand Lodge having duly obtained the Degree of Royal Arch, and all past and existing officers of Chapters' duly authorized by the Grand Lodge.

"The Grand Master, if a Royal Arch Mason, was *ex-officio* High Priest, the Grand Chapter having power to elect officers with that exception, to make its By-Laws, to decide complaints and appeals, *but not to confer the Royal Arch Degree*. In 1798, further Rules, etc., were adopted. No Chapter could be held, save under a warrant 'granted by the Grand Lodge, according to the old institutions and by the consent of such Lodges, signified to the Grand Chapter,' that no Chapter could be held without the presence of *six* regular Royal Arch Masons; that no brother could take the degree 'unless he have taken the three first degrees, and have filled the office of W. Master, or passed the chair by dispensation.'

"Soon after Mark Lodges were established in connection with Master's Lodges.

"The control of the Grand Lodge being inefficient, efforts, for a time fruitless, were made to separate the Grand Chapter from it; in 1824 they were successful, and the Grand Chapter was made independent of the Grand Lodge, and a Constitution, etc., adopted.

"The Grand Chapter was 'constituted of all the members of the Grand Lodge for the time being, who are Royal Arch Masons, and have received the honorary Degree of Mark Master, and been accepted and received Most Excellent Masters, and who have passed the chair of a Lodge by election, and are contributing members of some Subordinate Chapter, of all High Priests, Kings and Scribes, for the time being, of all Subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, who are qualified as aforesaid, and of all Past High Priests of Subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction who are qualified as aforesaid, continuing members of such Subordinate Chapters.'

["It is stated in an official document, published in 1863, that the clause making the officers of Chapters members of the Grand Chapter, was not in the Constitutions of 1824, but was introduced in 1855; but we have taken the foregoing from the 'Ahiman Rezon,' published in 1825, by the Grand Secretary, and the presumption is that it is correct.]

"Charters were issued by it to all the Chapters, and to the Mark Lodges, three of which still exist, but no Mark Lodges, separate from Chapters, have been since established.

"In 1863, the Constitution, etc., were revised, but very many of the peculiar features of that of 1824 were retained. We shall now enumerate some of these.

"The Grand Chapter, by the Constitution of 1863, is composed of such members of the Grand Lodge as are Royal Arch Masons and *actual* Past Masters, and are

contributing members of a Subordinate Chapter, and all Past Grand High Priests. It has power to issue warrants for Chapters and Lodges of Most Excellent or Mark Masters, but a warrant for a Chapter includes authority to hold those Lodges. The Grand Chapter has no jurisdiction over the degree of Past Master, and the Chapters do not confer it, as we understand the matter. In 1824, it was provided no brother should be exalted 'without his having previously become a Past Master, Mark Master and Most Excellent Master.' Under the present Constitution, an applicant for the Mark Degree must be a Master Mason; an applicant for the M. Excellent Master's Degree must be a Mark Master, and must have 'duly past the chair in some regular Lodge.' The Constitution of the Grand Lodge provides that 'no brother, unless duly elected Master of a Lodge, can pass the chair without a dispensation legally issued.' Accordingly the Grand Master, for a fee of ten dollars, which goes to the Grand Lodge, issues 'dispensations to pass the chair' to the number of hundreds every year. The chair 'is passed' by the applicant in his Lodge. Who are present, or whether he pays an additional sum to the Lodge, we cannot tell. We presume, however, only Past Masters are present; we presume, also, that such dispensations are issued only to Mark Masters, and upon their petition as such; but of this we have no certain knowledge.

"Chapters are represented only by a proxy to a member of the Grand Chapter (but no member can be a proxy for more than one Chapter at the same time), except as their own members happen to be members of the Grand Chapter, but that cannot be opened unless three Chapters are represented by members of the Grand Chapter 'severally belonging to such Chapters.'

"The dues to the Grand Chapter are fifty per cent. higher in Philadelphia than elsewhere. Warrants for Chapters are granted to *six* Companions; no Chapter, Lodge or Companion, is allowed to publish any matter regarding Royal Arch Masonry without consent of the Grand Chapter or Grand High Priest; the R. A. Degree cannot be conferred on a greater or less number than three at the same time; suspension, or expulsion in lower body (including Blue Lodge) carries the same effect with it in a higher body, and *vice versa*, except as to Blue Lodge; no one can be a member of a Chapter for more than six months after he shall have ceased to be a member of a Blue Lodge by resignation. No procession or public display of a Chapter, etc., is allowed; nor is any one allowed to wear Royal Arch clothing, etc., anywhere save in a Chapter. In the charge to a High Priest, at his installation, he is obligated not to open his Chapter unless *three* regular Royal Arch Masons are present, nor to confer the degree unless *six* are present. In the forms of petition, the candidate describes himself as a 'Geometric Master Mason.'

"We perceive by an amendment to the Constitution, adopted in 1867, 'all High Priests, Kings and Scribes for the time being of Subordinate Chapters,' are made members of the Grand Chapter—an important change.

"The dues also have been changed, so that Chapters more than ten miles from the city have a deduction of *twenty-five* per cent. from the regular dues.

"There, Companions of Pennsylvania, we have given 'outside barbarians' more information about you than yourselves have ever given!"

M. E. Comp. Michael Nisbet is Grand High Priest; Comp. John Thompson, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 68 Chapters; 6,318 members; 849 exalted.

RHODE ISLAND.

We are in receipt of the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter at its several specials, and the seventy-second annual Convocation, held at Providence, March 8, 1870. M. E. Comp. Thos. A. Doyle, Grand High Priest; Comp. George H. Burnham, Grand Secretary. Eight Chapters represented.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we learn that harmony and prosperity exists throughout the jurisdiction of Rhode Island. The death of two aged and honored Masons receives just and merited mention. Comp. Reverend George Taft, and M. E. Comp. Wm. Field, both of whom had lived to the allotted time: three score and ten years, the former having arrived at the age of 78, the latter 73 years.

One dispensation issued, to which a Charter was granted.

We find the following curiosity in the address. Speaking of an official visitation, he says:

"On the 31st of January of the present year, in response to invitations from the Grand High Priest of Connecticut, and Palmer Chapter, No. 28, I accompanied him in an official visitation to that Chapter, which is working under the authority of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, in the village of Westerly. The Chapter assembled at 3 o'clock, P. M., and after conferring the degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters, called off for refreshment; in the evening they resumed labor, and conferred the Royal Arch Degree. The High Priest, M. E. Richard Currie, is a Most Excellent Master in very deed, and with his fine corps of officers conferred the four degrees in a most creditable manner. The Chapter is well equipped, and the efficiency of its presiding officer was manifest in all its appointments. The work is very nearly the same as that furnished to me by M. E. A. T. C. Pierson some years since, but which has never yet been exemplified in any Chapter working under our authority. The inconsistencies in the work as practiced in this jurisdiction, which are apparent to every educated Mason, particularly in the Royal Arch Degree, are not to be found in the work of our sister State; but, on the contrary, their work is a perfect whole, and I should be glad if the officers of Palmer Chapter could exhibit the four degrees before this Grand Chapter. Should it be done, I think a change would at once be made in the Royal Arch work of our jurisdiction.

"Aside from the pleasure I experienced in witnessing the work, I also enjoyed the visit because it was the first time probably in this country where a Grand High Priest in a regular Chapter working within his own jurisdiction, had no authority to give authority or command obedience. Although upon my own territory, I was but a visitor, and a Grand High Priest from another jurisdiction was exercising the supreme authority. I could not but allude to this in the remarks I made upon the occasion, as a fine illustration of the harmony of the Masonic institution, and I realized fully the words of the Psalmist, 'Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!'"

After five years' faithful service, Grand High Priest Doyle asks to be excused from further official labors.

"I have now completed five years of service in this position, a term longer than

either of my predecessors since the year 1837, and only equalled by Thomas Smith Webb, who served a period of eleven years, and Moses Seixas and Moses Richardson, who each served for five years. I am well aware that no necessity has existed to require my continuance in this office for so many years, and that there are many members who would have most ably and acceptably filled the position, but by your partiality I have been retained, until it seems to me that a change is both desirable and expedient. I therefore trust that to-day you will call some other Companion to bear this, the highest honor in your gift, assuring you that while I prize most highly the confidence and esteem you have manifested towards me, yet I shall be gratified if it shall become my duty to install another as your Grand High Priest."

But the Grand Chapter could not accede to his request.

With regard to the power and authority of the Grand High Priest to make Masons at sight, we find among the transactions of this Grand Chapter the report of a Committee who, after some considerable argument, arrive at the conclusion "that the prerogative to make Masons at sight belongs exclusively to the Grand Master of Masons."

The Grand Chapter was of a different opinion, by a vote of 6 to 27.

A very able Report on Correspondence, we presume to be by Comp E. B. Knight, reviewing the transactions of thirty-four Grand Chapters. Among the number, Illinois for 1868.

M. E. Comp. Thomas A. Doyle is Grand High Priest; Comp. George H. Burnham Grand Secretary. Both of Providence.

Statistics: 9 Chapters; 1,240 members; 161 exalted.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The annual Convocation assembled in the city of Charleston, February 15, 1870. M. E. Comp. Robert S. Bruns, Grand High Priest; Comp. Ebenezer Thayer, Grand Secretary. Twenty-six Chapters represented.

With regard to the prosperity of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction, we extract the following from the address of the Grand High Priest:

"I congratulate you, my Companions, on the improved and improving prospects of our Order. When we began, but a few seasons ago, the work of restoration in our Temple, the heart shrank from the discouraging aspect of all objects about and within it. So little had been left us; so great was the loss and ruin; with Companions slain or scattered, we gathered together a mournful remnant, to lament, rather than repair, the habitations of our faith. But the Grand High Priest was with us still; our material wealth was vanished, but we were still rich in his favor, and its fruits are to be found in your present hopes and prospects, and in the fidelity which has been so strengthened in your hearts as to fill you with zeal and courage, and with energy to achieve and conquer. That you will achieve and conquer is my belief as well as my prayer. You have but to labor as you have begun, in a loving faith which never doubts or distrusts, and our triumph is as sure as the progress of the sun in heaven—as the mountain pillars which, from the earth, seem ever striving up toward the skies."

Dispensations for two new Chapters were issued, and the Grand Representative system adopted.

The following letter is the first communication your Committee has been able to find from the Grand Chapter of Ireland:

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, FREEMASONS' HALL, DUBLIN, }
3rd day of September, 1869. }

M. E. Companion.—Yours of 18th August is duly to hand, and in reply I beg to inform you that the documents referred to therein came safely to hand. The brethren to whom they were directed, I regret to say, have been called away. Our present officers you will find on the yearly and half yearly sheets which I forward by this post. Our Grand Lodge does not publish its proceedings. I do not think our Grand Chapter would entertain an application for mutual representatives, at least until such were in existence as regarded the Grand Lodges respectively. However, your letter shall be laid before the Grand Chapter.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

CHAS. T. WALMISLEY,

Per SAM'L B. OLDHAM.

Br. E. THAYER, G. Sec. G. Chap. South Carolina,
1 Montague street, Charleston, S. C.

The following resolution, adopted by the Grand Chapter, speaks for itself and for the Grand Chapter:

Resolved, That in consideration of the advanced age of our worthy Grand Secretary, and in consideration of his valuable services for many years past, an annuity of one hundred and fifty dollars be paid him, should this Grand Chapter elect a younger Companion for that office, which requires the vigor of youth and health."

Comp. James Birnie presents the Report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of twenty-seven Grand Chapters.

M. E. Comp. Montgomery Moses, of Sumter, is Grand High Priest; Comp. Augustine T. Smythe, of Charleston, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 36 Chapters; 808 members; 135 exalted.

TENNESSEE.

The annual Convocation was held at Nashville, September 29, 1869. M. E. Comp. Wm. Maxwell, Grand High Priest; Comp. John Frizzell, Grand Secretary. Sixty-nine Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is of a local character. He says:

"Harmony prevails in our jurisdiction. Peace is within our borders. No note of discord is heard from within, or cause of unrest from without."

He calls the attention of the Grand Chapter to the matter of substitutes, and a Committee on that subject report as follows:

"The recommendation of the M. E. Grand High Priest, in regard to the substitution of Companions in the ceremonies of exaltation, meets the views of the

Committee, and it recommends the careful consideration of the subject by the Grand Chapter. A majority of the Committee are of the opinion, that the practice of substituting has always been in vogue in this Grand Jurisdiction till within the past few years, and under such practice the cause of R. A. Masonry prospered. They can see no just and sufficient reason why the same should not now exist, and therefore recommend the repeal of the By-law of this Grand Chapter forbidding the practice of substitution by subordinates."

Dispensations for three Chapters issued.

A Committee on Work exemplified the same before the Grand Chapter.

Comp. Geo. S. Blackie, Assistant Grand Secretary, presented his credentials as the Representative of the Grand Chapters of Scotland, Canada, and South Carolina, and was received and accredited as such.

Comp. Blackie presents the Report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of thirty-one Grand Chapters, among which Illinois for 1868 makes its appearance.

M. E. Comp. John Hughes, of Clifton, is Grand High Priest; Comp. John Frizzell, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 94 Chapters; 3,912 members; 424 exalted.

TEXAS.

The twenty-first annual Convocation was held at Houston, June 13, 1870. M. E. Comp. W. G. Veal, Grand High Priest; Comp. Robert Brewster, Grand Secretary. Forty-three Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, which is principally devoted to local matters, thus speaks of the moral improvement in the jurisdiction:

"There has been a very gratifying improvement in the moral tone of our order during the past Masonic year. And yet, I will not conceal nor ignore the fact, that much moral rubbish remains about our beautiful Royal Arch Temple, which should and must be cleared away. It is our reproach that it has been suffered to accumulate and to remain so long. I refer to profane swearing, drunkenness, and gambling, which are not only 'unmasonic,' but are gross violations of the 'Moral Law,' of which every Royal Arch Mason has most solemnly covenanted to be a strict observer. The proper observance of the Sabbath day is one of our 'Ancient Landmarks.' The Holy Scriptures, which contain the rule and limit of Masonry, even the Scriptures of the Temple Era, most clearly command its observance. This authority we cannot ignore, disregard, or abandon, without destroying our institution and demolishing our temple. Regardless of the plain law of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, many of the subordinate Chapters commence their work on Saturday night and continue until after 12 o'clock at night, and thereby do work on the Lord's day. This violation of law should not be tolerated. Masonry has always claimed to be the conservator of truth, good morals, true piety, and benevolence. Let us not give our enemies an excuse for calling in question the sincerity of our professions."

The Deputy Grand High Priest makes the following decisions:

1st. That neither the M. E. Grand High Priest nor his Deputy have authority to resuscitate a Chapter whose charter has been revoked.

2d. That after the minutes of the Grand Chapter have been read and approved,

an omission cannot be supplied by a Grand officer after the close of the Convocation.

Comp. P. C. Tucker, chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, asked further time of the Grand Chapter to complete his report, but as it does not appear in the printed proceedings, we shall be compelled to wait until next year.

M. E. Comp. S. S. Munger, of Houston, was elected Grand High Priest; and Comp. Robert Brewster, of Houston, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 99 Chapters; 3,220 members; 341 exaltations.

VERMONT.

The annual Convocation held at Burlington, June 19, 1870. M. E. Comp. Charles A. Miles, Grand High Priest, Comp. John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Secretary. Twenty Chapters represented.

From the excellent address of the Grand High Priest, we have cheering tidings from the Green Mountains. He says:

"The year past, within our own jurisdiction, has been one of quiet, steady increase, marked by no event of great importance in the even tenor of our way.

"I have received advices from the presiding officers of twenty out of the twenty-four Chapters now working in this State. They all concur in stating that their Chapters are in good condition; that peace and harmony prevail among the Companions, and that little of marked interest has occurred during the administration of the past year. In these twenty over one hundred and ten brethren have been exalted to the most sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason."

The Report on Masonic Correspondence is presented by Comp. Squire Marcy, reviewing fraternally the transactions of thirty-one Grand Chapters, Illinois for 1869, among the number.

A Committee on the Relations of Vermont with the General Grand Chapter, made the following report:

"To the M. E. Grand Chapter now in session:

The Committee, appointed at the last session of this Grand Chapter, to consider the subject of our status with the General Grand Chapter, respectfully report: That they have had the subject under consideration, and would recommend that our Grand Chapter re-affirm the action of 1860: withdrawing allegiance from the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

"After full consideration, this Grand Chapter withdrew from the General Grand Chapter in 1860, and in this course was approved and endorsed by P. G. High Priests Tucker, Campbell, Davenport, Washburn, and other eminent members of the Craft. Subsequently, in the Grand Chapter, we find that eleven Grand Chapters in the United States refuse allegiance to the General Grand Body, and that several others seem dissatisfied with it, and will undoubtedly soon withdraw from it.

"Bereft as it is, apparently, of all power for good, or of enforcing any of its regulations, it seems now little more than a triennial levee for social interchange of feeling. This, of course, makes it a pleasant re-union, but it should hardly be

dignified by so commanding a title as the General Grand Chapter of the United States."

M. E. Comp. Edward A. Jewett, of Burlington, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. W. H. S. Whitcomb, of Burlington, Grand Secretary.

The following resolution of the Grand Chapter speaks for itself:

"*Resolved*, That in consideration of the long and eminent services of Past Grand Secretary, John B. Hollenbeck, that this Grand Chapter present him with some suitable testimonial of their regard for him as a Mason, and for his distinguished services as an officer of this Grand Body."

Statistics: 24 Chapters; 1,550 members; 128 exalted.

VIRGINIA.

The annual Convocation, held in the city of Richmond, December 16, 1869. M. E. Comp. Edward H. Lane, Grand High Priest; and Comp. John Dove, Grand Secretary. Thirty-one Chapters represented.

The Committee on Work made a report, and M. E. Comp. James Evans, Grand Lecturer, with the aid of several Companions, proceeded to exemplify the work and lectures pertaining to the Mark Master's, Past Master's, Select and Royal Master's, Most Excellent Master's, and Royal Arch Degrees, as adopted by the M. E. Grand High Priest, under the instructions of the Grand Chapter.

No address from the Grand High Priest, from which we conclude that his labors had been unimportant.

Comp. W. B. Isaacs presents the Report on Correspondence, in which he notices briefly the transactions of twenty-six Grand Chapters. He thus apologizes:

"Our work is done, and very indifferently done, we know, but it can't be helped. It is among the human impossibilities to take up such a mass of printed matter—with less than a week before you, and the cares of business on your mind—to read, mark, learn, and so inwardly digest it, as to do justice to the proceedings under review, or to ourself. In our hastily-prepared report, we have doubtless omitted many seasonings and sauces which would have imparted piquancy to its flavor, and introduced as many others which are calculated to destroy even that which it had; but even a 'cup of cold water,' if presented in a right spirit, is not without its reward. Virginia—God bless her, and by her we stand or fall!—is, and always has been, the bulwark of conservatism in politics, religion, and Masonry—not carried away by every wind of doctrine, but sticking closer than a brother to her text. From that we cannot be cajoled by undeserved praise, nor driven by censure. With the best of our poor ability, at proper times and on appropriate occasions, we will sustain what we *believe* to be *right* against the attacks of the world, the flesh, or the devil; and oppose, to the bitter end, what we *believe* to be *wrong*."

This Grand Chapter still claims jurisdiction over West Virginia, a dispensation having been issued for a Chapter at Clarksburg, and a charter to one at Morgantown.

M. E. Comp. Jno. P. Little was elected Grand High Priest; and Comp. John Dove, Grand Secretary; both of Richmond.

Statistics: 36 Chapters; 1,675 members.

WISCONSIN.

The annual Convocation was held at Milwaukee, January 18, 1870. M. E. Comp. A. V. H. Carpenter, Grand High Priest; and Comp. W. T. Palmer, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand High Priest is very interesting and eloquent in many of its passages. He thus speaks of the present status of our Chapters:

"Whoever will take the trouble to inspect the ranks of our different Masonic bodies, will be struck with astonishment at beholding the large proportion of an element known as 'Young America,' in their composition; and more surprised at seeing the number of our institutions that are controlled thereby.

"The class referred to under the title of 'Young America' is composed of young men scarcely out of boyhood in judgment, who have no conception of the duties and responsibilities of life, have never undergone any trial of their constancy, and have no idea of the great principle of conservatism that is the foundation of the solidity of Masonry, and which has enabled it to stand the test of all the fiery ordeals it has gone through, during the decades of centuries since its origin. Such persons have an idea that the gist of Masonry consists in the forms and ceremonies of the work of the Lodge Room, and never look beyond; and their idea of the prosperity of a Masonic body consists in the number of candidates it has to grind through the degrees; and, for this purpose, they want the doors of the Lodge or Chapter constantly open for the reception of all who may have the curiosity to look in; and whenever there is a meeting, it must be wound up with a 'good time,' as they express it, and which I need not pause here to describe; and in this conception, I am sorry to say, they are frequently abetted by many who have passed the 'hey-day of youth,' and ought to know better than to encourage the younger brethren in such ruinous ideas and practices. Our ancient brethren assembled only once in each lunar month, except in case of emergency, of which each brother had due and timely notice. It required 'time, patience, and perseverance,' to get through the several degrees then, and I have yet to learn wherein the moral or material condition of the order has improved in health by the change from the pace at which it then moved, to the hot-bed and hot-head speed required to satisfy the appetite for excitement of the present generation. That sort of thing will answer in any enterprise where dash and adventure are required, but it is not what Masonry can thrive on. Besides this, when Masonry was founded it never was the intention that *boys* should *control* the work. *Young* men were Entered Apprentices; middle-aged, Fellow Crafts; and ripened men, Master Masons. To my mind, it would be better than it is if such were the case now.

"It would be better for Masonry and the Craft to make but one Mason in a year, if he be a *man*, than to run through a hundred indifferent subjects—mere make-weights—*verbum sat sapientibus*.

"Again, a visit to *many* of our Masonic institutions will reveal the fact, that ability and worth are not the *sine qua non* to prominence in their management.

"There are various causes for this state of things; one is the readiness with which a show of zeal is mistaken for the possession of the qualities which distinguish the true Mason; another cause is the proneness of the Craft to accept mere

'good fellows' for representative men; another cause still, is a superficial estimate of the term 'posted.' Now, a Mason may know the ritual from 'Alpha to Omega,' and be able to recite it as glibly as a precocious schoolboy will rattle off the multiplication table, yet have as little appreciation of the true principles of Free Masonry as the boy has of the problems of differential or integral calculus. Or, he may be able to repeat the contents of all the books on Masonry ever written, or rehearse all the traditions of the Order, and still be no more fit to open, govern, and instruct a Masonic body than the parrot, which has learned to repeat any number of set phrases, is qualified to discharge the duties of Professor of Elocution in a first class college.

"To be a good presiding officer requires executive ability, administrative talent, a knowledge of business and parliamentary rules, together with a courteous and dignified manner. In addition to the foregoing, a presiding officer of a Masonic body should possess three indispensable qualifications: First, he should be *au fait* in the history of the order—this includes the Ritual so far as relates to the forms and ceremonies; second, he should understand the philosophy of Masonry, which embraces the explanatory portion of the lectures; third in place, but first in importance, he must be thoroughly imbued with the *inspiration* of its glorious truths, without which all else is 'as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal.' Still another, and the crowning qualification of him who occupies the chair once filled by the illustrious founder of 'Ancient Craft Masonry,' is the ability to *command respect*, and the faculty of imparting instruction in such a manner as to impress upon his charge a proper sense of the beauty and perfection of the sublime precepts which have touched the hearts and united the souls of the greatest and best men the world has ever known, and which will lead all who feel their just influence, to a higher and better life. Such an officer will be a pillar of wisdom, a tower of strength, and the perfection of beauty, in the work of erecting that beauteous Temple of Holiness, whose foundation is Charity, Mercy, and Justice. Men of this character and description are to be found in most Masonic bodies, but, in order to secure their services, they must be *brought out*; they will *never nominate themselves*, or electioneer for their own advancement. When such men are brought to the front and kept in that position, there will be no lack of work, or cause of complaint in regard to the quality of material offered for the building.

"It is an old and homely saying, but nevertheless true, 'birds of a feather flock together.' If we want the best of men to apply for admission to our order, we must attract them by placing their peers in the foreground, for mankind judge a society by its leaders, as the passers-by do a merchant's stock, by the kind and quality of goods displayed in the window."

And again:

"In my last address to the Grand Chapter, I spoke at some length on the evils of intemperance, and urged the necessity of reform among Masons in this respect, not only in their public assemblies and social gatherings, but also at their private meetings and in their everyday life. All I then said I would now repeat, and I say to all Masons everywhere, Arouse! Awake! shake off this incubus, which leads to death—and worse—*dishonor*."

"I rejoice in the fact that there is an improvement of a marked character so far as relates to our public assemblies; and, to a considerable extent, in the social gatherings and daily life of our fraternity. Let us hope this reformation may not only continue, but pervade the entire body of the craft, that this great cause of suffering, disgrace, and ruin, shall no longer afflict Masons and their families, and tarnish the Masonic name. And may our example be a guiding star for all mankind. There is no doubt but this vice is the prolific source from which springs most of the evils by which we are beset, and unless we can eradicate it, it is useless to attempt any other reform. We must also bear in mind, that whatever we do, or suffer, among ourselves, the order should not countenance any deviation from the golden rule in the dealings of its members with the world, for no parent who suffers his children to injure his neighbors, can live in peace, or bear a good name in the neighborhood.

"The demoralizing influences and practices I have pointed out are by no means a prevailing rule in our system of organizations, but they do form a cloud, much larger than a man's hand, on the face of our horizon, which will grow and blacken until it envelops us in darkness and night, unless we scatter the elements of which it is composed.

"But were all true that the worst enemies of Masonry charge against Masons, either collectively or individually, it would only prove that bad men are to be found in all human institutions, but constitutes no evidence that the *principles* of the order are not all that is claimed for them by its most ardent supporters, for if we are to believe all we read, in what is claimed to be history, there have been apostates in *Heaven itself*; and we *know* that a Judas was found among '*the twelve*,' and a Benedict Arnold in the Continental army.

"The seeds of evil among Masons have been scattered by no Masonic agency; they are the 'tares sown by an enemy,' which it is *our duty* to gather and burn, while the wheat, which represents the true fruit of Masonic principles, is garnered for a blessing for mankind through all the ages."

The Rite of Memphis, "*et sui generis*," receives its death-thrust in the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That any Companion who, in violation of the edict of this Grand Chapter, set forth at its regular Convocation held in the city of Milwaukee, A. D. 1868, does connect himself, or retain his connection with, any foreign body named in that edict, shall be deemed guilty of violating his obligation, and it is the duty of any Chapter in this jurisdiction to institute proceedings forthwith against any of its Companions guilty of such conduct.

"*Resolved*, That the penalty for thus violating the Masonic obligation, shall be suspension until all such connection shall be renounced in writing, read in open Chapter.

"*Resolved*, That any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons that knowingly retains in its membership, or entertains petitions from Master Masons, or admits as visitors, Masons guilty of thus living in violation of these obligations, violates the obligation taken by the Grand Council at their installation, and it is hereby declared to be the duty of the Grand High Priest to suspend the charter of such chapters, and hold it suspended until the Chapter shall duly purge itself of its contempt."

It is wonderful how long it takes to beat the life out of some animals.

The Report on Correspondence was omitted in our edition ; we find, however, a Committee appointed for 1871 ; we trust to hear from them.

M. E. Comp. Thomas B. Tyler, of Sparta, was elected Grand High Priest; and Comp. W. T. Palmer, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 39 Chapters; 2,298 members; 169 exalted.

CONCLUSION.

And thus, at last, have we arrived at the end of our, to us, very imperfect Report, snatched, as it has been, from our hours of refreshment and of sleep, after the weary hours of the busy day had passed; and before we make our final bow, let us crave the indulgence of the corps reportorial, that they do not too harshly judge this, to many of them, our first introduction.

In culling from the pages of the mass of interesting matter presented to us in the proceedings of the thirty-seven Grand Chapters we have endeavored to review, we have attempted, in candor, to take only that which would be of most interest to the Royal Craft, and may in our hurry have omitted that which had better been selected, or selected that which should have been omitted. As it is, we have gone so far with this Report, that we cannot now retrace our steps.

One thing we have observed in all the proceedings, that peace, harmony, and permanent prosperity seem to pervade throughout all our wide-extended domain, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast comes back the response, all is well ! And may we not hope that thus it will continue to be, as, year by year, we add to our members, now increased to almost a hundred thousand strong.

True, some little differences of opinion exist; and yet we seem to be drawing more closely together, and burying our little matters of difference in oblivion, so that it seems the Mutual Admiration Society may ere long die of itself, although the General Grand Chapter should not be dissolved, nor the Past Master's Degree be abolished.

Finally, may all our Chapters become beautiful as the Temple, peaceful as the Ark, and sacred as the Most Holy Place.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JAMES H. MILES,
For the Committee.

Comp. W. A. Levanway, from the Committee on Chapters U. D., submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received, and, after the several amendments which follow, adopted :

REPORT—CHAPTERS U. D.

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois :

The Committee on Chapters U. D. respectfully report, that they have examined the returns, work and by-laws of such Chapters as have been submitted to them, and herewith present the following statement and statistics, as the result of their labors:

Lanark has not recorded the dispensation under which it opened.

Sec. 4, Article 3, of its By-laws conflicts with Section 5 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

Jerseyville.—Shows business done at special, which should only be done at regular Convocations.

Clark.—Has not recorded its dispensation.

Evanston.—The records are irregular in form, and not attested by the Secretary. The returns are correct, but not attested by the Secretary.

Odell.—The records do not show the receipts of the meetings. By-laws unnecessarily lengthy, and Article 7, of Sec. 1, conflicts with the By-laws of the Grand Chapter.

Ashley and Chenoa.—Have ignored the Past Masters' Degree, so far as to make any mention of it, in giving the fees for the several degrees of the Chapter; and also we find that Chenoa Chapter has violated No. 10, of Resolutions in Force.

The By-Laws of Ashley Chapter require the candidate to pay, with the petition, the sum of \$30, while the Mark Degree is only \$5; and Jerseyville Chapter requires the candidate to pay the full amount of the fees for the degrees. These conflict with Section 5, Article 3, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

We find, also, that the following Chapters have paid \$2.50, dues and fees, on all they have exalted, which is not required, and failed to pay dues on all contained in the dispensation.

The following Chapters have overpaid:

Lanark, Evanston and Odell—\$2.50 each. Clark, \$5.50; Chenoa, \$6.

We would, therefore, recommend that orders be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the various overpaid sums, and returned to said Chapters.

With the above corrections, we would recommend that Charters issue as follows:

To Lanark Chapter, as Lanark Chapter No. 139, at Lanark.

To Jerseyville Chapter, as Jerseyville Chapter No. 140, at Jerseyville.

To Ashley Chapter, as Ashley Chapter No. 141, at Ashley.

To Wilmington Chapter, as Wilmington Chapter No. 142, at Wilmington.

To Clark Chapter, as Clark Chapter No. 143, at Beardstown.

To Chenoa Chapter, as Chenoa Chapter No. 144, at Chenoa.

To Evanston Chapter, as Evanston Chapter No. 145, at Evanston.

To Odell Chapter, as Odell Chapter No. 146, at Odell.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| Names of Chapters. | Dues. | Charter Fees. | No. of Members. | Present Condition. | | | | | | Rejected. | Degrees Conferred. | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|---------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|----------|--------|--|
| | | | | No. M. M. | No. P. M. | No. M. E. M. | No. R. A. M. | Total. | Marked. | | Installed. | Received. | Exalted. | Total. | |
| Lanark..... | \$39 50 | 10 00 | 10 | 18 | ..... | 3 | 15 | 18 | 2 | 18 | 18 | 15 | 15 | 66 | |
| Jerseyville..... | 42 00 | 10 00 | 12 | ..... | ..... | 6 | 18 | 19 | 3 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 18 | 75 | |
| Ashley | 16 00 | 10 00 | 16 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 | 9 | ..... | 9 | 9 | 9 | 3 | 30 | |
| Wilmington..... | 30 00 | 10 00 | 13 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12 | 12 | ..... | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 48 | |
| Clark | 28 50 | 10 00 | ..... | 3 | ..... | 3 | 12 | 18 | ..... | 18 | 15 | 15 | 12 | 60 | |
| Chenoa | 28 00 | 10 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12 | 12 | ..... | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 48 | |
| University..... | 23 50 | 10 00 | ..... | 1 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 13 | ..... | 13 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 44 | |
| Odell..... | 23 50 | 10 00 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 13 | ..... | 13 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 43 | |
| | 231 00 | 80 00 | 86 | 24 | 3 | 15 | 90 | 114 | 5 | 114 | 108 | 102 | 90 | 414 | |

And your Committee would further report, that, after a careful consideration of the petitions referred to them by the Grand Chapter, of certain Companions at Lincoln and Chicago, praying that dispensations be granted them to open Chapters at the above named places, believing it would be for the best interest of the Royal Craft, do recommend that dispensations be granted them.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. A. LEVANWAY, }
W. S. PEASE, } Committee.
J. C. SMITH, }

On motion of Comp. Luckey,

Voted, To amend the report of the Committee on Chapters U. D., by changing Clark Chapter to No. 29; Chenoa to No. 143; Evanston to No. 144, and Odell to No. 145.

On motion,

Voted, That so much of the report as relates to the Companions applying for a dispensation in the city of Chicago, be referred to the M. E. Grand High Priest, with power.

M. E. Comp. L. L. Munn, offered the following resolution as an amendment to Section 3, of Article 1, of the Constitution, which lies over until the next annual Convocation, under the rules, viz. :

Resolved, That Section 3 of Article 1, of the Constitution, be amended by striking out all after the words "meeting of the Grand Lodge" and inserting the words "on the first Thursday after the fourth Tuesday in October."

E. Comp. J. C. Luckey offered the following resolution and moved its reference to the Committee on Finance, viz. :

Resolved, That the dispensation fee paid in 1869, by Clarke Chapter, just chartered by this Grand Chapter, be refunded, said dispensation fee having been incurred by the revival of said Chapter, it having become dormant in consequence of the recent war.

Subsequently the Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois:

We, the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution proposing to refund the dispensation fee paid by Clarke Chapter, would respectfully recommend the adoption of said resolution.

J. R. GORIN, }
W. M. AVISE, } Committee.
GEO. O. IDE, }

On motion of Comp. J. W. Agard,

Voted, That the vote of this Grand Chapter, whereby it was resolved to employ a Grand Lecturer, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum, be reconsidered,

When, on motion, it was

Voted, To lay said resolution on the table.

The Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until 7½ o'clock P.M.

7½ o'clock P.M.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Illinois was called to labor.

Present: M. E. Comp. John M. Pearson, Grand High Priest ; officers and representatives.

M. E. Comp. James H. Miles, presented his credentials as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapters of Missouri and Oregon, and was received and acknowledged as such Representative.

The M. E. Grand High Priest elect, announced the following appointments, and that he had received and approved the bonds of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary :

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

WM. J. A. DELANCY.....*Grand Principal Sojourner*.....Centralia.
HENRY C. CLARKE.....*Grand Royal Arch Captain*.....Kankakee.
EDWARD BLACKSHAW.....*Grand Master Third Veil*.....Urbana.
ARTHUR R. ATKINS.....*Grand Master Second Veil*.....Chicago.
ABRAHAM SALLEE.....*Grand Master First Veil*.....Fulton.
LOCKWOOD K. OSBORN.....*Grand Steward*.....Chicago.
ARNEY R. ROBINSON.....*Grand Tyler*.....Springfield.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Masonic Jurisprudence—M. E. Comps. John M. Pearson, O. H. Miner, and W. M. Egan.

On Masonic Correspondence—Comps. Grand Secretary H. G. Reynolds, A. W. Blakesley.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, assisted by E. Comp. Harman G. Reynolds, as Grand Marshall, then installed the Grand Officers elected and appointed, and they were duly inducted into their respective stations and proclaimed as follows, viz. :

M. E. Comp. AUGUSTUS A. MURRAY.....Decatur.....*Grand High Priest*.
“ “ JAMES A. HAWLEY.....Dixon.....*Deputy Gr. High Priest*.
“ “ JAMES C. LUCKEY.....Polo.....*Grand King*.
“ “ GEORGE E. LOUNSBURY.....Mound City.....*Grand Scribe*.
“ “ HARRISON DILLS.....Quincy.....*Grand Treasurer*.
“ “ JAMES H. MILES.....Chicago.....*Grand Secretary*.
“ “ A. P. FORSYTH.....Kansas.....*Grand Chaplain*.
“ “ JOHN C. REYNOLDS.....Springfield.....*Grand Captain of Host*.

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| M. E. Comp. | WM. J. A. DELANCY | Centralia..... | <i>Gr. Prin. Sojourner.</i> |
| " " | HENRY C. CLARKE | Kankakee... | <i>Gr. Royal Arch Capt.</i> |
| " " | EDWARD BLACKSHAW... | Urbana..... | <i>Gr. Master Third Veil.</i> |
| " " | ARTHUR R. ATKINS..... | Chicago..... | <i>Gr. Master Second Veil.</i> |
| " " | ABRAHAM SALLEE | Fulton..... | <i>Gr. Master First Veil.</i> |
| " " | LOCKWOOD K. OSBORN.. | Chicago..... | <i>Grand Steward.</i> |
| " " | ARNEY R. ROBINSON..... | Springfield... | <i>Grand Tyler.</i> |

M. E. Comp. James A. Hawley, Dep. G. H. P. Presiding.

On motion of M. E. Comp. Egan,

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter hereby expresses its due appreciation of the able, wise, and zealous discharge by M. E. Companion John M. Pearson, of the arduous duties of Grand High Priest, during the year just past, and the best wishes for his future welfare and prosperity are fraternally tendered by this Grand Body, and that a Committee of three be appointed with power to procure and present to him a suitable testimony of our appreciation thereof.

The M. E. Dep. Grand High Priest, was pleased to appoint M. E. Comp. W. M. Egan, and E. Comp. J. C. Luckey, and H. G. Reynolds, said Committee.


On motion of the Grand Secretary,

Voted, That the dispensation of Edwardsville Chapter U. D., be continued.

Also, on motion,

Voted, That the matter of Hope Chapter U. D., at Farmer City, be referred to the Grand High Priest, with power.

No further business appearing, the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois was closed, to meet again in the city of Chicago, D. V., on Friday, the 6th day of October, A.D. 1871, A. I. 2401, at 9 o'clock A.M.


Grand Secretary.

A P P E N D I X .

RESOLUTIONS IN FORCE.

1. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, the Chapter degrees can not legally be conferred upon a Master Mason having but one arm.—1852.

2. *Resolved*, That profanity ought not to be tolerated among Masons.

3. *Resolved*, That the suspension or expulsion of a Royal Arch Mason from a Master's Lodge, shall operate as a suspension or expulsion from a Chapter within this State during the continuance of such sentence.—1852.

4. [Repealed 1869.]

5. *Resolved*, That the cardinal virtues of Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice, are dependent upon the maintenance of the cardinal virtue of Temperance; that every intemperate man is liable to lose that fortitude which might never forsake him in his hours of sobriety; nor can any such man be either prudent or just.—1856.

6. *Resolved*, That the subordinate Chapters are hereby strongly urged to root out the evil of intemperance from among them, and to exercise a wholesome, prompt, and efficient discipline upon the subject.—1856.

7. *Resolved*, That no Mason should advance in the degrees until he has exhibited a knowledge of all the preceding degrees, sufficient to make himself well known as such; and the several Chapters in Illinois are hereby instructed to require the same of all candidates who present themselves for advancement.—1856.

8. *Resolved*, That by ancient regulations, Chapters, until regularly constituted, have no right to be represented.—1856.

9. *Resolved*, That the M. E. Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests be requested hereafter carefully to examine into all circumstances regarding the proposed location of all new Chapters, for which dispensation may be prayed; and only grant dispensations when, in their opinion, the interests of the Royal Craft strictly require it, and only appoint to the first three offices of such new Chapters Companions who have attained a proper degree of proficiency in the work and lectures of the several degrees.—1856.

10. *Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter instruct its subordinates to comply with the resolution of the General Grand Chapter, in regard to the Past Master's degree.—1856.

11. *Resolved*, That each Chapter in this jurisdiction be required to furnish the Grand Secretary with a list of the officers elect, immediately after each annual election.—1858.

12. *Resolved*, That no Chapter, or officer or member thereof, shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation to enable a Mason of any

degree to proceed from Chapter to Chapter as a pauper, or in any itinerent manner to apply to Chapters for relief.—1858.

13. *Resolved*, That a Companion can not lawfully be a member, or hold an office in a Chapter in this State, while a regular citizen of another State.—1859.

14. *Resolved*, That the constitutional Chapters in this State are required to give notice to all members, residing without the limits of this State, to apply for and receive dimits; and that all who do not apply for such dimits upon notice, or whose residence cannot be ascertained, be stricken from the list of members.—1859.

15. *Resolved*, That dues be paid for Companions residing in this State, and for such only.—1859.

16. *Resolved*, That the several Chapters in this State are prohibited from conferring any degrees upon non-affiliated Master Masons.—1859.

17. *Resolved*, That no agreements made in relation to jurisdiction between subordinate Chapters, will be recognized hereafter by this Grand Body, but that jurisdiction will be left to distance only.—1860.

18. *Resolved*, That hereafter all dues from subordinate Chapters be paid in gold and silver and United States legal-tender notes, and that all orders upon the treasury be paid in the same.—1862.

19. *Resolved*, That no person will hereafter be allowed to act as a proxy, unless he has a proxy in writing, signed by the High Priest, King, or Scribe, and under his or their seals.—1861.

20. *Resolved*, That the conferring of the R. A. Degree on less than three actual candidates at a time, is hereby expressly forbidden by this Grand Chapter.—1866.

21. [Repealed 1870.]

22. *Resolved*, That the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree on less than three actual candidates at a time, is hereby expressly forbidden by this Grand Chapter; and if any Chapter violates this resolution, it shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest at once to arrest its charter.—1867.

23. *Resolved*, That all Chapters within this Grand Jurisdiction are hereby directed to confer the degree of Past Master on *all* candidates, before advancing to the M. E. M. Degree.—1867.

24. *Resolved*, That no applicant for the Chapter degrees, if rejected, shall be allowed to present his petition the second time, until the expiration of twelve months from the date of such rejection.—1867.

25. *Resolved*, That every Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall, at least thirty days before its annual grand Convocation, transmit to the Grand Secretary, by mail or otherwise, the annual return of such Chapter, signed by the High Priest, and attested under the seal of the Chapter and hand of the Secretary. And if any Chapter shall neglect to forward such returns to the Grand Secretary, as above required, it shall forfeit the mileage and per diem of its representative: *Provided*, that for good and sufficient reasons the Grand Chapter may remit such penalty.—1867.

26. *Resolved*, That the work and ritual, as prepared by the Committee on Work, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the work and ritual of this Grand Chapter.—1868.

27. *Resolved*, That the work and ritual now adopted, when promulgated, shall be the only work and ritual to be used in any Royal Arch Chapter in this jurisdiction.—1868.

28. *Resolved*, That each subordinate Chapter, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall purge itself of intemperance and profanity; and that it be the duty of this Grand Chapter to arrest the charter of any Chapter failing to comply with this resolution.—1868.

29. *Resolved*, That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter so interpret section 7 of article 3, of the Constitution, as to make it obligatory upon Chapters to give notice of rejections, expulsions, and suspensions, in like manner and to the same extent as is now done by the Lodges.—1868.

30. *Resolved*, That candidates for promotion be required to pass a thorough examination on the preceding degree, in open Lodge or Chapter, before being advanced.—1868.

31. *Resolved*, That every petitioner for the Chapter Degrees be required hereafter to state in his petition whether or not he has ever before petitioned for the Chapter Degrees within this jurisdiction, and if so, to what Chapter, and the result of the same; and in case such petition has been rejected, he shall not be received unless recommended by a unanimous vote of the Chapter rejecting him.—1868.

32. *Resolved*, That Master Masons, made by a Lodge under dispensation, are entitled to petition for the Chapter Degrees.—1870.

33. *Resolved*, That a protest against the advancement of a brother to the Degrees of the Chapter, has the same force, and no more, as the rejection by ballot.—1870.

34. *Resolved*, That the Representatives of this M. E. Grand Chapter to the M. E. General Grand Chapter of the United States, be instructed to advocate and vote for the dissolution of the same.—1870.

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| M. E. JAMES V. Z. BLANEY..... | No. 2..... | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| “ “ LEVI LUSK..... | “ 9..... | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| “ “ LOUIS WATSON..... | “ 5..... | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| “ “ IRA A. W. BUCK..... | “ 22..... | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| “ “ EDWARD M. M. CLARKE | “ 3..... | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| “ “ HIRAM W. HUBBARD..... | “ 93..... | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| “ “ WILEY M. EGAN..... | “ 43..... | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| “ “ LOYAL L. MUNN..... | “ 28..... | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| “ “ ORLIN H. MINER..... | “ 1..... | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| “ “ JAMES H. MILES..... | “ 2..... | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| “ “ JOHN M. PEARSON..... | “ 8..... | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| “ “ ASA W. BLAKESLEY..... | “ 5..... | <i>Past Dep'y Grand High Priest.</i> |
| “ “ CHARLES W. MATHENY | “ 1..... | <i>Past Dep'y Grand High Priest.</i> |
| “ “ AUGUSTUS A. MURRAY.... | “ 21..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| “ “ JAMES A. HAWLEY..... | “ 56..... | <i>Deputy Grand High Priest.</i> |
| “ “ THOMAS J. WADE..... | “ 37..... | <i>Past Grand King.</i> |
| “ “ JAMES C. LUCKEY..... | “ 61..... | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| “ “ PETER SWEAT..... | “ 7..... | <i>Past Grand Scribe.</i> |
| “ “ T. S. HAZEN..... | “ 6..... | <i>Past Grand Scribe.</i> |
| “ “ JAMES STEELE..... | “ 32..... | <i>Past Grand Scribe.</i> |
| “ “ GEO. E. LOUNSBURY..... | “ 74..... | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |

ORGANIZATIONS.

SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER, No. 1, SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY.

Regular Convocations fourth Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|
| Frank W. Tracy..... | H. P. | R. J. Coats..... | M. 3d V. |
| Richard Young | King. | A. Masters..... | M. 2d V. |
| J. H. Matheny | Scribe. | Geo. A. Davis..... | M. 1st V. |
| F. Springer | Chaplain. | R. L. McGuire | Secretary. |
| Charles Fisher..... | C. H. | Wm. Lavelly..... | Treasurer. |
| John F. Burrill..... | P. S. | G. Burkhardt..... | Steward. |
| F. Springer | R. A. C. | F. O. Green..... | Steward. |
| A. R. Robinson..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Members, 1869..... | 148 |
| Exalted..... | 12 |
| Admitted | 2 |
| | — 162 |
| Dimitted | 5 |
| Died..... | 3 |
| | — 8 |
| Members, 1870..... | 154 |

LAFAYETTE CHAPTER, No. 2, CHICAGO, COOK CO.

Regular Convocations second and fourth Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|------------------------|------------|
| Samuel Brown | H. P. | F. W. Buckingham | M. 2d V. |
| W. R. Stubblefield..... | King. | R. R. Stevens | M. 1st V. |
| T. T. Oviatt..... | Scribe. | E. N. Tucker | Secretary. |

| | | | |
|-------------------|----------|--------------------|------------|
| J. A. Bunce | C. H. | H. W. Bigelow..... | Treasurer. |
| Edward Cook | P. S. | Jacob Cigrang..... | Steward. |
| M. N. Fuller..... | R. A. C. | W. H. Annin | Steward. |
| W. L. Barnum..... | M. 3d V. | L. K. Osborn..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Members, 1869..... | 282 |
| Exalted | 33 |
| Admitted | 2 |
| | — 317 |
| Dimitted | 4 |
| Suspended | 2 |
| | — 6 |
| Members, 1870..... | 311 |

JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER, No. 3, JACKSONVILLE,
MORGAN COUNTY.

Regular Convocations second and fourth Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| W. H. Broadwell | H. P. | H. A. Gilman | M. 3d V. |
| A. Boumgard | King. | Z. T. Mitchell | M. 2d V. |
| Leopold Weil..... | Scribe. | J. L. Simms..... | M. 1st V. |
| P. G. Gillett..... | Chaplain. | J. H. Hackett..... | Secretary. |
| M. V. B. Glasgow..... | C. H. | W. H. Corcoran..... | Treasurer. |
| J. M. Dunlap..... | P. S. | H. C. Wiswald..... | Steward. |
| Wesley Pratt..... | R. A. C. | C. L. Hastings..... | Steward. |
| W. S. Harsh..... | | | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Members, 1869..... | 100 |
| Exalted | 27 |
| Admitted..... | 2 |
| Reinstated..... | 1 |
| | — 130 |
| Dimitted..... | 4 |
| Died | 1 |
| Suspended..... | 2 |
| | — 7 |
| Members, 1870..... | 123 |

HOREB CHAPTER, No. 4, HENDERSON, KNOX CO.

Regular Convocations Saturday on or preceding the full moon in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------|----------------------|------------|
| A. J. McMurtry..... | H. P. | Reuben Reavis..... | M. 3d V. |
| W. E. Roberts..... | King. | J. W. Dathrage..... | M. 2d V. |
| F. M. McMurtry..... | Scribe. | S. C. Fuller..... | M. 1st V. |
| I. M. Witt | C. H. | Joseph Davison | Secretary. |
| A. Heflin..... | P. S. | J. C. McMurtry..... | Treasurer. |
| J. M. Samuels..... | R. A. C. | J. H. Champion..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 47 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| | — 50 |
| Dimitted | 3 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 47 |

QUINCY CHAPTER, No. 5, QUINCY, ADAMS COUNTY.

Regular Convocations last Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------|
| A. W. Blakesley | H. P. | A. W. Chenoworth..... | M. 2d V. |
| James Lowe..... | King. | M. W. Newton | M. 1st V. |
| S. O. Taylor..... | Scribe. | R. C. Lockwood..... | Secretary. |
| G. M. Evatt | C. H. | M. Jacobs | Treasurer. |
| A. Demaree..... | P. S. | C. C. Slack | Steward. |
| I. Shepherd..... | R. A. C. | B. F. Hoar | Steward. |
| J. Dridley..... | M. 3d V. | M. McVay | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Members, 1869..... | 144 |
| Exalted | 9 |
| Admitted | 2 |
| | — 155 |
| Dimitted..... | 8 |
| Died..... | 1 |
| | — 9 |
| Members, 1870..... | 146 |

SHAWNEETOWN CHAPTER, No. 6, SHAWNEETOWN, GALLATIN COUNTY.

(Charter surrendered.)

PEORIA CHAPTER, No. 7, PEORIA, PEORIA COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|
| John Jewell..... | H. P. | James F. Marden | M. 3d V. |
| John L. Flynn | King. | Crosby White | M. 2d V. |
| Edw'd H. Collins | Scribe. | M. B. Loughlin..... | M. 1st V. |
| Royal H. Pullman..... | Chaplain. | Geo. P. Lloyd..... | Secretary. |
| Lewis Keyon..... | C. H. | M. E. Erler..... | Treasurer. |
| L. C. Rockhold..... | P. S. | John Higbie | Steward. |
| Albert Smith | R. A. C. | John D. Otis..... | Steward. |
| H. P. Waudling..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|-------|
| Members, 1869..... | 141 |
| Exalted | 6 |
| Admitted..... | 2 |
| | — 149 |
| Dimitted..... | 7 |
| Died | 4 |
| | — 11 |
| Members, 1870 | 138 |

ALTON CHAPTER, No. 8, ALTON, MADISON COUNTY.

Regular Convocations Friday on or before the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------|------------------------|------------|
| Geo. D. Hayden | H. P. | Henry Watson..... | M. 3d V. |
| John H. Koehne | King. | Sam'l Williams | M. 2d V. |
| James Mann..... | Scribe. | Wm. Heyndman..... | M. 1st V. |
| Isaac E. Hardy..... | C. H. | Frank H. Ferguson..... | Secretary. |
| Robson Graham | P. S. | M. M. Dutro..... | Treasurer. |
| Wm. Huskinson..... | R. A. C. | Fred. Wuerker | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Members, 1869..... | 108 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| | — 111 |
| Dimitted..... | 2 |
| Died | 5 |
| Suspended..... | 1 |
| | — 8 |
| Members, 1870..... | 103 |

STAPLETON CHAPTER, No. 9, RUSHVILLE, SCHUYLER
COUNTY.

(No Returns.)

UNION CHAPTER, No. 10, PITTSFIELD, PIKE COUNTY.

Regular Convocations Thursday on or before the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|----------------------|------------|
| Joseph J. Topliff | H. P. | J. M. Bush | M. 3d V. |
| Stephen R. Gray..... | King. | H. S. Lloyd..... | M. 2d V. |
| William Steers..... | Scribe. | Jacob Strauss | M. 1st V. |
| Geo. W. Jones | C. H. | W. H. Johnston | Secretary. |
| W. H. Mantz..... | P. S. | H. H. Thomas..... | Treasurer. |
| J. C. Pettingill | R. A. C. | C. R. Lame..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 52 |
| Exalted | 9 |
| | — 61 |
| Dimitted | 2 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 59 |

MEREDOSIA CHAPTER, No. 11, MEREDOSIA, MORGAN COUNTY.

Regular Convocations Monday on or after the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------|------------------------|------------|
| D. H. Lollis..... | H. P. | S. T. Black..... | M. 3d V. |
| Chas. Heinz..... | King. | H. C. Wegehauf..... | M. 2d V. |
| Chas. Launer | Scribe. | J. B. Thompson..... | M. 1st V. |
| P. Baujan | C. H. | Geo. W. Graham..... | Secretary. |
| John H. Carver..... | P. S. | Joel Turnham..... | Treasurer. |
| James Watson..... | R. A. C. | Shep. S. Winegar | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 36 |
| Exalted..... | 3 |
| | — 39 |
| Dimitted. | 3 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 36 |

MOUNT ZION, No. 12, GENESEO, HENRY COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first and third Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|---------------------|------------|
| Charles R. Demming..... | H. P. | W. P. Cook..... | M. 2d V. |
| George Richards..... | King. | J. L. Jennings..... | M. 1st V. |
| J. A. McConnell..... | Scribe. | P. H. Sniff..... | Secretary. |
| S. A. Davison..... | C. H. | Wm. Smith..... | Treasurer. |
| Solon Kendall..... | P. S. | Thos. Bollen..... | Steward. |
| Jerry Duesler..... | R. A. C. | Wm. Arnett..... | Steward. |
| P. A. Sweeney..... | M. 3d V. | Geo. W. Drain..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 25 |
| Exalted | 6 |
| | — 31 |
| Dimitted | 2 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 29 |

EUCLID CHAPTER, No. 13, NAPERVILLE, DUPAGE CO.

Regular Convocations second and fourth Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|
| Robert Freeman..... | H. P. | Lewis Ellsworth..... | M. 3d V. |
| M. S. Ellsworth..... | King. | Thomas Finley..... | M. 2d V. |
| George Martin..... | Scribe. | Joseph McConnell..... | M. 1st V. |
| J. G. Porter..... | Chaplain. | Clinton Beach..... | Secretary. |
| C. M. Castle..... | C. H. | C. M. Castle..... | Treasurer. |
| M. A. Naper..... | P. S. | David Hess..... | Steward. |
| Chas. Schultz..... | R. A. C. | H. L. Peaslee..... | Steward. |
| Samuel Balliman..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

Members, 1870.....47

FOX RIVER CHAPTER, No. 14, ST. CHARLES, KANE CO.

(Returns were sent back for correction and not returned.)

FRANKLIN CHAPTER, No. 15, UPPER ALTON, MADISON COUNTY.

Regular Convocations Friday on or before the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|
| T. P. Yerkes..... | H. P. | L. Magowan..... | R. A. C. |
| E. Hays..... | King. | T. N. Harris..... | M. 3d V. |
| B. F. Culp..... | Scribe. | R. C. Clark..... | M. 2d V. |
| J. B. Randle..... | Chaplain. | Lewis Ehrler..... | M. 1st V. |
| G. R. Slocker..... | C. H. | W. H. Wendell..... | Secretary. |
| F. A. Maxey..... | P. S. | J. A. Maxey..... | Treasurer. |
| H. P. Rundle..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 49 |
| Exalted..... | 9 |
| | — 58 |
| Dimitted..... | 1 |
| Died..... | 1 |
| | — 2 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 56 |

HERMAN CHAPTER, No. 16, HENNEPIN, PUTNAM CO.

Regular Convocations second Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Joseph Holland..... | H. P. | Geo. McLean..... | M. 3d V. |
| C. P. Towle..... | King. | Fred. Dudley | M. 2d V. |
| C. M. Cowen..... | Scribe. | John Lyons | M. 1st V. |
| B. F. Whitaker | Chaplain. | C. Bodemer | Secretary. |
| E. R. Spencer..... | C. H. | Wm. Baxendale..... | Treasurer. |
| W. H. Schermerhorn..... | P. S. | G. M. Baxendale | Steward. |
| W. H. Zenor | R. A. C. | Martin Bowman..... | Steward. |
| | Robert Patton..... | | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Members, 1869..... | 40 |
| Dimitted..... | 2 |
| Suspended..... | 2 |
| | — 4 |
| Members, 1870..... | 36 |

ILLINOIS CHAPTER, No. 17, KEITHSBURG, MERCER CO.

Regular Convocations Wednesday preceding full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|----------------------|------------|
| J. H. Freeman..... | H. P. | W. H. Phares..... | M. 3d V. |
| Joseph P. Wykoff..... | King. | T. S. Stanway..... | M. 2d V. |
| Edward Pritz | Scribe. | T. B. Cabeen..... | M. 1st V. |
| H. G. Calhoun | C. H. | C. A. Frick | Secretary. |
| A. F. Glover..... | P. S. | W. J. Ungles | Treasurer. |
| A. H. Eby..... | R. A. C. | R. B. Robinson | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Members, 1870..... | 29 |
|--------------------|----|

BARRETT CHAPTER, No. 18, ROCK ISLAND, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first and third Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------------------|------------|
| H. C. Cleaveland | H. P. | J. S. Leas | M. 3d V. |
| Thos. Brithingham..... | King. | M. Rosenfield..... | M. 2d V. |
| H. A. Barnard..... | Scribe. | P. Lynch..... | M. 1st V. |
| N. W. Allbee..... | C. H. | M. L. Sweeney..... | Secretary. |
| R. Hayford | P. S. | Peter Bogue | Treasurer. |
| Henry Burgower | R. A. C. | Thomas Thornton..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 85 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| Admitted..... | 3 |
| | — 91 |
| Dimitted | 4 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 87 |

MORSE CHAPTER, No. 19, MACOMB, McDONOUGH CO.

Regular Convocations second Friday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------|------------------------|------------|
| Wm. Ervin..... | H. P. | Freeman Sacket..... | M. 3d V. |
| J. B. Kyle | King. | James C. Roberts..... | M. 2d V. |
| C. A. Lawson..... | Scribe. | ..... | M. 1st V. |
| Frank R. Kyle..... | C. H. | Wm. C. Steinmetz | Secretary. |
| J. L. N. Hall | P. S. | Ed. McDonough | Treasurer. |
| D. C. Dunn | R. A. C. | Chancey Case..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Members, 1869..... | 104 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| | — 107 |
| Dimitted..... | 3 |
| Died | 2 |
| Reported in error | 2 |
| | — 7 |
| Members, 1870..... | 100 |

LUSK CHAPTER, No. 20, VERMONT, FULTON CO.

Regular Convocations first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------|----------------------|------------|
| Wm. Alexander..... | H. P. | H. L. Ross..... | M. 3d V. |
| D. A. Beal..... | King. | Joseph Hamer | M. 2d V. |
| ..... | Scribe. | M. H. Burgess | M. 1st V. |
| H. S. Jacobs | C. H. | C. B. Cox, Jr. | Secretary. |
| E. Kirkbride..... | P. S. | David Kirkbride..... | Treasurer. |
| A. B. Kirkbride..... | R. A. C. | Jesse Carneyhan..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Members, 1869..... | 34 |
| Dimitted..... | 2 |
| Members, 1870..... | 32 |

MACON CHAPTER, No. 21, DECATUR, MACON CO.

Regular Convocations Tuesday of or preceding full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| A. A. Murray..... | H. P. | A. C. Cornman..... | R. A. C. |
| J. H. Babbitt | King. | D. T. Sherman..... | M. 3d V. |
| J. S. Hand | Scribe. | M. Y. Givler | M. 2d V. |
| L. B. Carpenter..... | Chaplain. | W. C. Armstrong..... | M. 1st V. |
| John Quinlan..... | C. H. | N. L. Krone | Secretary. |
| Geo. W. Bright..... | P. S. | S. F. Greer .. | Treasurer. |
| H. Hummell..... | | | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|-------|
| Members, 1869 | 98 |
| Exalted | 9 |
| Admitted | 1 |
| | — 108 |
| Dimitted | 2 |
| Died | 1 |
| Suspended..... | 3 |
| | — 6 |
| Members, 1870..... | 102 |

AURORA CHAPTER, No. 22, AURORA, KANE CO.

Regular Convocations second and fourth Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| M. Henoch..... | H. P. | C. E. Bradley..... | M. 2d V. |
| Jas. Walker | King. | W. E. Wright | M. 1st V. |
| A. R. Bartlett..... | Scribe. | T. H. Day | Secretary. |
| S. T. Allen..... | Chaplain. | Wm. Gardner..... | Treasurer. |
| W. H. Barrett | C. H. | Robt. Elliott | Steward. |
| A. Beauer..... | P. S. | Geo. L. Taylor | Steward. |
| Theo. Porter | R. A. C. | E. Perigo..... | Steward. |
| A. Stickle..... | M. 3d V. | Burr Winton..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Members, 1869..... | 175 |
| Exalted | 15 |
| Admitted..... | 1 |
| | — 191 |
| Dimitted | 1 |
| Suspended..... | 3 |
| | — 4 |
| Members, 1870..... | 187 |

FREEPORT CHAPTER, No. 23, FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first and third Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------|------------------------|------------|
| Jacob Krohn..... | H. P. | S. P. Frazier | M. 3d V. |
| L. F. Young | King. | E. C. Warner | M. 2d V. |
| C. H. Packhard | Scribe. | J. H. Porter..... | M. 1st V. |
| S. H. Polly..... | C. H. | H. N. Cronkrite | Secretary. |
| J. W. Childs..... | P. S. | M. D. Chamberlin | Treasurer. |
| R. M. Buckman | R. A. C. | L. Martin..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|-------|
| Members, 1869..... | 135 |
| Exalted | 18 |
| | — 153 |
| Dimitted | 3 |
| Members, 1870 | 150 |

WINNEBAGO CHAPTER, No. 24, ROCKFORD, WINNEBAGO CO.

Regular Convocations first and third Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------|---------------------|------------|
| E. K. Conkling..... | H. P. | Isaac Orton | M. 3d V. |
| E. B. Perry..... | King. | John Segar | M. 2d V. |
| Henry Richings | Scribe. | A. B. Boughner..... | M. 1st V. |
| H. P. Stockton..... | C. H. | Wm. Van Arnam | Secretary. |
| S. W. Stanley..... | P. S. | J. Secconib | Treasurer. |
| John C. Norton..... | R. A. C. | D. D. Alling | Steward. |
| Wm. Nichols..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|-------|
| Members, 1869 | 142 |
| Exalted..... | 15 |
| Admitted..... | 2 |
| | — 159 |
| Dimitted | 4 |
| Died | 1 |
| | — 5 |
| Members, 1870..... | 154 |

PEKIN CHAPTER, No. 25, PEKIN, TAZEWELL CO.

Regular Convocations first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|
| Samuel Wagenseller..... | H. P. | John Cohenour..... | R. A. C. |
| Wm. P. Chain..... | King. | Gustave Kaufman | M. 3d V. |
| Joseph Baker | Scribe. | John S. Cook | M. 2d V. |
| A. B. Russell | Chaplain. | Wm. Reinhart..... | M. 1st V. |
| Geo. B. Foster..... | C. H. | Wm. H. Seibert..... | Secretary. |
| Lewis Steiner..... | P. S. | L. Heisel | Treasurer. |
| John Orr..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Members, 1869 | 47 |
| Dimitted | 2 |
| Died..... | 2 |
| Suspended..... | 5 |
| | — 9 |
| Members, 1870..... | 38 |

BLOOMINGTON CHAPTER, No. 26, BLOOMINGTON, McLEAN COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| Wm. Spurgin..... | H. P. | J. D. Towle..... | R. A. C. |
| Lee Smith..... | King. | S. Livingstone. | M. 3d V. |
| Wm. Hill..... | Scribe. | Daniel Holder | M. 1st V. |
| R. H. Read..... | Chaplain. | S. M. Stilwell | Secretary. |
| S. W. Waddle..... | C. H. | G. Ferre..... | Treasurer. |
| H. B. Wright | P. S. | T. J. Bunn..... | Steward. |
| P. W. Bentley..... | R. A. C. | G. A. Tryner..... | Steward. |
| S. Rouch | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Members, 1869..... | 122 |
| Exalted | 12 |
| Admitted..... | 1 |
| — 135 | |
| Dimitted..... | 4 |
| — | |
| Members, 1870 | 131 |

JOLIET CHAPTER, No. 27, JOLIET, WILL COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first and third Mondays of each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------|
| Wm. W. Stevens | H. P. | J. T. Millspaugh | M. 3d. V. |
| John McDonald..... | King. | Wm. E. Spear..... | M. 2d V. |
| William Adams | Scribe. | John Butler..... | M 1st V. |
| Chas. A. Gilbert..... | Chaplain. | A. A. Osgood | Secretary. |
| Richard P. Denker..... | C. H. | Samuel C. Stearns..... | Treasurer. |
| W. F. Saylor..... | P. S. | T. J. Stevens..... | Steward. |
| Fred. Y. Gookin..... | R. A. C. | J. S. Boyd..... | Steward. |
| W. D. Fay | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Members, 1869 | 132 |
| Exalted..... | 15 |
| Admitted..... | 1 |
| — 148 | |
| Dimitted | 2 |
| Died..... | 2 |
| — 4 | |
| — | |
| Members, 1870..... | 144 |

PRINCETON CHAPTER, No. 28, PRINCETON, BUREAU COUNTY.

Regular Convocations Thursday on or preceding the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Geo. O. Ide..... | H. P. | L. D. Romberger | M. 3d V. |
| S. M. Knox | King. | Geo. Critzman..... | M. 2d V. |
| Clark Gray..... | Scribe. | John Stubbs..... | M. 1st V. |
| F. B. Nash | Chaplain. | Wm. Bacon | Secretary. |
| Geo. W. Stone | C. H. | George Crossley | Treasurer. |
| A. S. Chapman..... | P. S. | W. H. Munger | Steward. |
| Daniel McDonald..... | R. A. C. | W. C. Stacey | Steward. |
| | Wm. A. Warren..... | | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 69 |
| Exalted | 6 |
| Admitted..... | 1 |
| | — 76 |
| Dimitted | 3 |
| Died | 1 |
| Suspended..... | 1 |
| | — 5 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 71 |

CLARKE CHAPTER, No. 29, BEARDSTOWN, CASS CO.

Regular Convocations second and fourth Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------------------|------------|
| M. L. Read..... | H. P. | Luther A. Jones | M. 2d V. |
| J. W. McLure..... | King. | Henry B. Wilson..... | M. 1st V. |
| Samuel Smith..... | Scribe. | Joseph McClure..... | Treasurer. |
| Nathaniel Bennesson..... | C. H. | Joseph S. Hosking | Secretary. |
| Chas. F. Norton | P. S. | Solomon M. King..... | Steward. |
| Henry Garm..... | R. A. C. | H. H. Loomis | Steward. |
| Joseph Bolejack..... | M. 3d V. | Wm. H. Elliott..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Members, 1870..... | 20 |
|--------------------|----|

WARREN CHAPTER, No. 30, MONMOUTH, WARREN CO.

Regular Convocations second Friday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------|
| M. L. Stansbury..... | H. P. | Peyton Roberts | M. 2d V. |
| E. C. Johnson..... | King. | Ransom Doney.. .. | M. 1st V. |
| W. E. Grant..... | Scribe. | Richard Wagstaff..... | Secretary. |
| David D. Dunkle | C. H. | Stephen Gamble..... | Treasurer. |
| Chas. D. Shoemaker | P. S. | A. G. McDowell | Steward. |
| Matthew Holliday..... | R. A. C. | O. S. Barnum..... | Steward. |
| Luthur D. Robinson..... | M. 3d V. | C. D. Shoemaker | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Members, 1869..... | 97 |
| Exalted | 15 |
| Admitted..... | 1 |
| Reinstated..... | 1 |
| | — 174 |
| Dimitted | 2 |
| Suspended | 2 |
| | — 4 |
| Members, 1870..... | 110 |

ORIENT CHAPTER, No. 31, MORRIS, GRUNDY COUNTY.

Regular Convocations second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------|
| Perry A. Armstrong..... | H. P. | Samuel B. Thomas..... | M. 3d. V. |
| Chas. H. Goold..... | King. | Henry Benjamin..... | M. 2d V. |
| H. D. Hitchcock..... | Scribe. | Wm. Humble..... | M. 1st V. |
| Wm. Stanhope..... | C. H. | Leander Jones..... | Secretary. |
| L. P. Lott..... | P. S. | Jacob Geism..... | Treasurer. |
| A. M. Cleveland | R. A. C. | E. T. Hopkins..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Members, 1869..... | 44 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| Members, 1870..... | |

EDGAR CHAPTER, No. 32, PARIS, EDGAR COUNTY.

Regular Convocations Monday on or before the full moon in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------|-------------------------|------------|
| W. H. Geohagen..... | H. P. | Geo. Hunt..... | M. 3d V. |
| J. M. Bell..... | King. | H. J. Mann..... | M. 2d V. |
| A. C. Connley..... | Scribe. | J. R. Martin..... | M. 1st V. |
| J. E. Dyas..... | C. H. | D. M. Wieder..... | Secretary. |
| R. L. McKinlay..... | P. S. | R. M. Parrish..... | Treasurer. |
| D. G. Burr..... | R. A. C. | J. O. H. Batterton..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Members, 1869..... | 82 |
| Exalted..... | 20 |
| | — 102 |
| Dimitted | 4 |
| Died..... | 2 |
| Suspended..... | 6 |
| | — 12 |
| Members, 1870..... | 90 |

CARTHAGE CHAPTER, No. 33, CARTHAGE, HANCOCK COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------|
| W. H. Manier..... | H. P. | W. J. Dale..... | M. 2d V. |
| H. G. Ferris..... | King. | W. R. Hamilton..... | M. 1st V. |
| Geo. H. Batchelder..... | Scribe. | J. M. Ferris..... | Secretary. |
| D. E. Head..... | C. H. | Thos. Logan..... | Treasurer. |
| J. D. Hamilton..... | P. S. | Rich'd McManning..... | Steward. |
| A. J. Griffith..... | R. A. C. | N. O. McKay..... | Steward. |
| W. C. Hooker..... | M. 3d V. | John Booth..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 33 |
| Exalted | 21 |
| | — 54 |
| Dimitted | 1 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 53 |

McHENRY CHAPTER, No. 34, McHENRY, McHENRY
COUNTY.

Regular Convocations second and fourth Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|--------------------|----------|---------------------|------------|
| George Gage..... | H. P. | Richard Bishop..... | M. 2d V. |
| B F. Peck..... | King. | H. C. Smith..... | M. 1st V. |
| E. A. Beers..... | Scribe. | O. W. Owen | Secretary. |
| C. B. Curtis..... | C. H. | James Monahan..... | Treasurer. |
| Smith Searles..... | P. S. | Benj. Gilbert..... | Steward. |
| H. N. Owen..... | R. A. C. | Alonzo Ransom..... | Steward. |
| O. J. Howard..... | M. 3d V. | Herman Snyder..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Members, 1869 | 33 |
| Dimitted | 4 |
| Died..... | 1 |
| | — 5 |
| Members, 1870..... | 28 |

HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 35, SUMNER, LAWRENCE
COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|---------|---------------------|------------|
| D. H. Morgan..... | H. P. | James Dunlap..... | R. A. C. |
| — — | King. | Wm. Musgrave..... | M. 3d V. |
| N. B. Huff..... | Scribe. | Ashel Rawlings..... | M. 2d V. |
| R. W. Musgrave | C. H. | H. S. Badolett..... | Secretary. |
| Elmus Ryan..... | P. S. | G. F. Nigh..... | Treasurer. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 17 |
| Exalted | 9 |
| | — 26 |
| Dimitted | 1 |
| Suspended..... | 2 |
| | — 3 |
| Members, 1870..... | 23 |

WOODSTOCK CHAPTER, No. 36, WOODSTOCK, McHENRY COUNTY.

Regular Convocations second and fourth Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|
| A. L. Salsbury..... | H. P. | W. P. Adams..... | M. 3d V. |
| G. H. Stinson..... | King. | A. K. Bunker..... | M. 2d V. |
| G. B. Richardson..... | Scribe. | W. G. Conklin..... | M. 1st V. |
| R. K. Todd..... | Chaplain. | J. A. Parrish..... | Secretary. |
| W. H. Sanford..... | C. H. | J. S. Wheat..... | Treasurer. |
| M. Church..... | P. S. | C. O. Parsons..... | Steward. |
| C. A. Fitch..... | R. A. C. | R. Deisel..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Members, 1869..... | 95 |
| Exalted | 6 |
| | — 101 |
| Dimitted | 1 |
| Died..... | 2 |
| | — 3 |
| Members, 1870..... | 98 |

SHABBONA CHAPTER, No. 37, OTTAWA, LA SALLE COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|------------------------|------------|
| Henry F. Clark..... | H. P. | Jno. F. McKinley..... | M. 2d V. |
| Robert M. McArthur..... | King. | Wm. C. Smith..... | M. 1st V. |
| George I. Burgess..... | Scribe. | Edward L. Herrick..... | Secretary. |
| Edward S. Hobart..... | C. H. | Henry C. Nash..... | Treasurer. |
| Robert Henning..... | P. S. | Justin Harris..... | Steward. |
| David Batcheller..... | R. A. C. | Richard W. King..... | Steward. |
| Henry Koch..... | M. 3d V. | David R. Gregg..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 89 |
| Exalted | 6 |
| Admitted | 1 |
| | — 96 |
| Dimitted | 2 |
| Died..... | 1 |
| | — 3 |
| Members, 1870..... | 93 |

RICHLAND CHAPTER, No. 38, OLNEY, RICHLAND COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|
| H. Hayward..... | H. P. | J. M. Yocum..... | M. 3d V. |
| W. G. Eaton..... | King. | J. L. Ham..... | M. 2d V. |
| H. E. Thomas..... | Scribe. | W. H. Hill..... | M. 1st V. |
| H. M. Eidson..... | Chaplain. | G. D. Slanker..... | Secretary. |
| M. M. St. John..... | C. H. | H. Studer..... | Treasurer. |
| J. H. Cartwright..... | P. S. | Henry Studer..... | Steward. |
| J. L. McCollough..... | R. A. C. | W. H. Hill..... | Steward. |
| John Knight..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Members, 1869..... | 48 |
| Dimitted | 1 |
| Suspended..... | 1 |
| | — 2 |
| Members, 1870..... | 46 |

ELWOOD CHAPTER, No. 39, KANKAKEE, KANKAKEE COUNTY.

(Charter forfeited.)

HUTSONVILLE CHAPTER, No. 40, HUTSONVILLE, CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Regular Convocations Saturday on or after the full moon in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------------|------------|
| J. A. Parker..... | H. P. | John Newton..... | M. 3d V. |
| J. L. Cox | King. | M. Langton..... | M. 2d V. |
| J. N. Lowe | Scribe. | R. Falley..... | M. 1st V. |
| S. H. A. Lukins | C. H. | T. J. Edwards | Secretary. |
| W. C. Wilson..... | R. A. C. | C. Rogers | Treasurer. |
| J. J. Petri | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Members, 1869 | 22 |
| Reinstated..... | 1 |
| | — 23 |
| Suspended | — |
| Members, 1870 | 20 |

WAUKEGAN CHAPTER, No. 41, WAUKEGAN, LAKE CO.

Regular Convocations second and fourth Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Spencer Dewey | H. P. | J. K. Etter..... | M. 3d V. |
| Geo. E. Baker..... | King. | H. S. Stevens | M. 2d V. |
| Daniel Brewster..... | Scribe. | J. A. Watson..... | M. 1st V. |
| Chas. Lindsey | Chaplain. | H. C. Hutchinson..... | Secretary. |
| David S. Ela | C. H. | D. P. Millen..... | Treasurer. |
| Henry L. Hatley..... | P. S. | Isaac R. Lyon..... | Steward. |
| Geo. R. Lyon | R. A. C. | G. S. Wheeler..... | Steward. |
| | P. P. Brand..... | | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 80 |
| Exalted | 6 |
| Admitted | 1 |
| | — 87 |
| Dimitted | 7 |
| Died | 1 |
| Suspended | 1 |
| | — 9 |
| Members, 1870..... | 78 |

LACON CHAPTER, No. 42, LACON, MARSHALL CO.

(No Returns.)

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 43, CHICAGO, COOK CO.

Regular Convocations first and third Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| Arthur R. Atkins..... | H. P. | F. D. Brown | M. 3d V |
| David A. Cashman..... | King. | Angus McGowan | M. 2d V. |
| John H. Sanborn..... | Scribe. | M. Van Allen..... | M. 1st V. |
| John S. Hanna..... | Chaplain. | John Whitley | Secretary. |
| Wm. Amerson | C. H. | Geo. H. Gibson | Treasurer. |
| Herman A. Pundt | P. S. | Moses Gray..... | Steward. |
| John Oliver..... | R. A. C. | W. H. Woodbury..... | Steward. |
| T. T. Gurney | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Members, 1869..... | 263 |
| Exalted..... | 48 |
| Admitted..... | 2 |
| | — 313 |
| Dimitted | 2 |
| Died | 1 |
| Suspended..... | 3 |
| | — 6 |
| Members, 1870..... | 307 |

DUQUOIN CHAPTER, No. 44, DUQUOIN, PERRY CO.

Regular Convocations second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|------------|
| J. G. Mangold..... | H. P. | T. M. Youngblood..... | Scribe. |
| James McCollough..... | King. | Wm. Elstine | Secretary. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| Members, 1870, reported..... | 42 |
|------------------------------|----|

EGYPTIAN CHAPTER, No. 45, JONESBORO, UNION CO.

Regular Convocations first Friday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|
| C. Kirkpatrick..... | H. P. | J. F. Rector..... | M. 3d V. |
| H. C. Hacker..... | King. | M. Cantor..... | M. 2d V. |
| W. C. Rich..... | Scribe. | W. G. Griswold..... | M. 1st V. |
| H. H. Richardson..... | Chaplain. | M. M. Inman..... | Secretary. |
| J. H. Samson..... | C. H. | A. J. Nimo..... | Treasurer. |
| E. A. Willard..... | P. S. | W. H. Millard..... | Steward. |
| C. B. Crittenden..... | R. A. C. | J. H. McElheny..... | Steward. |
| John Mowrey..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 35 |
| Exalted..... | 9 |
| Admitted..... | 1 |
| | — 45 |
| Dimitted..... | 1 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 44 |

GALESBURG CHAPTER, No. 46, GALESBURG, KNOX CO.

Regular Convocations first and third Thursdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|
| Wm. Livingston..... | H. P. | R. C. Hanes..... | R. A. C. |
| R. N. Pollock..... | King. | G. L. Phillips..... | M. 3d V. |
| J. C. McLee..... | Scribe. | W. H. Turon..... | M. 2d V. |
| J. P. Fuller..... | Chaplain. | G. H. Root..... | M. 1st V. |
| J. A. Gates..... | C. H. | D. C. Brown..... | Secretary. |
| O. F. Price..... | P. S. | J. A. Marshall..... | Treasurer. |
| T. N. McQueen..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 88 |
| Exalted..... | 9 |
| | — 97 |
| Dimitted..... | 4 |
| Died..... | 1 |
| | — 5 |
| Members, 1870..... | 92 |

KEWANEE CHAPTER, No. 47, KEWANEE, HENRY CO.

Regular Convocations first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|------------------------|------------|
| Chas. Trowbridge..... | H. P. | T. P. Peirce..... | M. 3d V. |
| W. A. Fisher..... | King. | John Gassett, Jr. | M. 2d V. |
| C. Bassett | Scribe. | W. H. Rolson..... | M. 1st V. |
| W. T. Cross | C. H. | J. B. Mitchell | Secretary. |
| O. D. Bassett | P. S. | S. W. Warner | Treasurer. |
| W. T. Heaps..... | R. A. C. | W. H. Bruns..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 46 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| Admitted..... | 2 |
| | — 51 |
| Dimitted | 1 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 50 |

MARKWELL CHAPTER, No. 48, MONTICELLO, PIATT COUNTY.

Regular Convocations Thursday on or preceding the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------|--------------------|------------|
| Wm. Noecker | H. P. | C. A. Tatman..... | M. 3d V. |
| J. C. Johnson..... | King. | W. G. Herron | M. 2d V. |
| E. P. Fisher | Scribe. | J. M. Holmes | M. 1st V. |
| Chas. Watts..... | C. H. | J. A. Hill..... | Secretary. |
| Lewis J. Bond | P. S. | J. A. Piatt | Treasurer. |
| Wm. T. Foster..... | R. A. C. | M. Haneline..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 31 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| | — 34 |
| Dimitted..... | 1 |
| Expelled..... | 1 |
| | — 2 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 32 |

SYCAMORE CHAPTER, No. 49, SYCAMORE, DE KALB CO.

Regular Convocations second and fourth Mondays of each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------|
| W. R. Thomas..... | H. P. | Seymour Hix | M. 3d V. |
| John Shuld | King. | Jno. W. Rowley..... | M. 2d V. |
| Frank Smith..... | Scribe. | M. B. Billes..... | M. 1st V. |
| Jas. N. Hume..... | Chaplain. | G. W. Nesbit | Secretary. |
| G. B. Wiseman..... | C. H. | A. W. Sawyer | Treasurer. |
| Daniel Dustin..... | P. S. | C. T. Stuart..... | Steward. |
| Wm. H. Dieley | R. A. C. | Elias Gallup..... | Steward. |
| | D. D. Brown..... | | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Members, 1869 | 83 |
| Exalted..... | 3 |
| | — 86 |
| Dimitted..... | 2 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 84 |

CHAMPAIGN CHAPTER, No. 50, CHAMPAIGN,
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY.*Regular Convocations third Monday in each month.*

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|------------------------|------------|
| H. J. Dunlap..... | H. P. | J. E. Conklin | M. 2d V. |
| L. W. Faulkner | King. | Wm. Price | M. 1st V. |
| J. H. Hess..... | Scribe. | B. Frank Wingard | Secretary. |
| E. N. McAllister..... | C. H. | J. Dallenbach..... | Treasurer. |
| R. B. Musson ... | P. S. | R. M. Eppstein..... | Steward. |
| George Scroggs | R. A. C. | A. W. Beasley..... | Steward. |
| L. C. Garwood..... | M. 3d V. | R. B. Musson..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 42 |
| Exalted | 6 |
| | — 48 |
| Dimitted | 3 |
| Died | 1 |
| Suspended..... | 1 |
| | — 5 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 43 |

JO DAVIESS CHAPTER, No. 51, GALENA, JO DAVIESS COUNTY.

Regular Convocations second and fourth Thursdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------------------|------------|
| John C. Smith..... | H. P. | W. Jacobs..... | M. 3d V. |
| Daniel Stuart..... | King. | J. B. Brown..... | M. 2d V. |
| Daniel L. Better | Scribe. | S. K. Miner | M. 1st V. |
| T. R. Bird..... | C. H. | S. O. Stillman..... | Secretary. |
| S. O. Stillman..... | P. S. | S. O. Stillman | Treasurer. |
| Jos. M. Spratt..... | R. A. C. | F. Kountz | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | | |
|--------------------|----|----|
| Members, 1869..... | 55 | |
| Exalted | 12 | |
| Admitted..... | 1 | 68 |
| | — | |
| Dimitted..... | 2 | |
| Died | 1 | |
| | — | 3 |
| | | — |
| Members, 1870..... | | 65 |

DE KALB CHAPTER, No. 52, DE KALB, DE KALB CO.

Regular Convocations first and third Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|
| S. O. Vaughan..... | H. P. | W. T. Pierce | M. 3d V. |
| N. N. Burpee..... | King. | J. D. Lott..... | M. 2d V. |
| A. Dimon..... | Scribe. | O. C. Crego..... | M. 1st V. |
| S. Tappin..... | Chaplain. | V. D. Miller | Secretary. |
| W. H. Allen..... | C. H. | J. C. Garner | Treasurer. |
| P. W. T. Vaughan..... | P. S. | J. W. Smull..... | Steward. |
| D. D. Hunt..... | R. A. C. | W. A. Miller..... | Steward. |
| G. N. Wadsworth..... | | | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | | |
|--------------------|----|-----|
| Members, 1869..... | 89 | |
| Exalted..... | 9 | |
| Admitted | 1 | |
| Re-instated..... | 2 | |
| | — | 101 |
| Dimitted | 2 | |
| Died..... | 1 | |
| Suspended | 1 | |
| | — | 4 |
| | | — |
| Members, 1870..... | | 97 |

BURKE CHAPTER, No. 53, CARLINVILLE, MACOUPIN COUNTY.

Regular Convocations Friday after the full moon in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------|
| Geo. H. Holliday..... | H. P. | Joseph B. Liston..... | M. 3d V. |
| Chas. A. Walker | King. | John J. Rinaker..... | M. 2d V. |
| Nicholas Boice..... | Scribe. | Samuel B. Dugger..... | M. 1st V. |
| Francis A. Steward..... | C. H. | James W. Battese..... | Treasurer. |
| Henry Tappen..... | P. S. | John E. Brock..... | Secretary. |
| Barnett Turk..... | R. A. C. | Moses Morgan..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

Members, 1870.....38

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 54, CHARLESTON, COLES COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------|---------------------|------------|
| W. W. Fisher..... | H. P. | E. B. Buck..... | M. 3d V. |
| H. S. Parcels..... | King. | J. A. Ricketts..... | M. 2d V. |
| A. G. Mitchell..... | Scribe. | L. S. Dunbar | M. 1st V. |
| S. Levinson | C. H. | T. C. Lawrence..... | Secretary. |
| W. M. Chambers..... | P. S. | R. M. Parcels..... | Treasurer. |
| George Tucker | R. A. C. | G. W. Burton | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 48 |
| Exalted | 6 |
| | — 54 |
| Dimitted | 2 |
| Died | 1 |
| Suspended..... | 1 |
| | — 4 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 50 |

JACKSON CHAPTER, No. 55, SHELBYVILLE, SHELBY COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first and third Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|
| J. W. Johnson | H. P. | Wm. Sampson..... | M. 3d V. |
| E. E. Waggoner..... | King. | Morris Cottlon..... | M. 2d V. |
| E. D. Steen..... | Scribe. | N. L. Martin..... | M. 1st V. |
| A. L. Kellar..... | Chaplain. | Noah Seaman | Secretary. |
| W. A. Cochran..... | C. H. | W. W. Hall..... | Treasurer. |
| R. Sumerlain..... | P. S. | M. T. Park | Steward. |
| C. E. Woodward..... | R. A. C. | Wm. Conine..... | Steward. |
| J. Seaman..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Members, 1869..... | 46 |
| Dimitted..... | 3 |
| Suspended..... | 3 |
| | — 6 |
| Members, 1870..... | 40 |

NACHUSA CHAPTER, No. 56, DIXON, LEE COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first and third Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------------------|------------|
| James A. Hawley..... | H. P. | Samuel S. Dodge..... | M. 2d V. |
| George B. Worth..... | King. | Joseph W. Latta..... | M. 1st V. |
| James B. Pomeroy..... | Scribe. | Orris B. Dodge..... | Secretary. |
| Horace W. Beal..... | C. H. | Daniel B. McKenney | Treasurer. |
| John D. Crabtree..... | P. S. | George L. Herrick..... | Steward. |
| Jacob M. Patrick..... | R. A. C. | Augustus Selig..... | Steward. |
| James Steward..... | M. 3d V. | Uriah N. McKenney..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 89 |
| Exalted | 6 |
| | — 95 |
| Dimitted..... | 4 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 91 |

STERLING CHAPTER, No. 57, STERLING, WHITESIDE COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------|
| Sidney T. Osmer..... | H. P. | Geo. T. Holland | M. 3d V. |
| E. G. Allen..... | King. | Robert Laurie | M. 2d V. |
| Leopold Stoeckle..... | Scribe. | Geo. L. Kline..... | M. 1st V. |
| John A. Turtle..... | C. H. | Chas. Smith..... | Secretary. |
| M. S. Bowman | P. S. | Geo. B. Ketel..... | Treasurer. |
| James Drew..... | R. A. C. | James Manahan..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 56 |
| Exalted | 6 |
| Admitted | 1 |
| | — 63 |
| Dimited..... | 2 |
| Suspended | 3 |
| | — 5 |
| Members, 1870..... | 58 |

CEMENT CHAPTER, No. 58, UTICA, LA SALLE COUNTY.

Regular Convocations Thursday on or before the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|
| C. C. Halladay..... | H. P. | W. J. Simmons..... | M. 3d V. |
| James Clark..... | King. | A. D. Sparham..... | M. 2d V. |
| James M. Higby..... | Scribe. | S. D. Gray..... | M. 1st V. |
| Wm. H. Miserve..... | Chaplain. | John L. Clark..... | Secretary. |
| John L. Clark..... | C. H. | James Clark..... | Treasurer. |
| J. B. Peckham..... | P. S. | M. Prentice..... | Steward. |
| C. C. Perrin..... | R. A. C. | T. E. Culver..... | Steward. |
| James Isham..... | | | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Members, 1870..... | 49 |
|--------------------|----|

GOODBRAKE CHAPTER, No. 59, CLINTON, DE WITT COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| W. H. Taylor..... | H. P. | A. D. McHenry..... | M. 3d V. |
| C. Goodbrake..... | King. | Jacob Rohm..... | M. 2d V. |
| O. L. Kirk..... | Scribe. | M. M. Dehevis..... | M. 1st V. |
| S. M. Heslet..... | Chaplain. | J. Frendenstein..... | Secretary. |
| A. H. C. Barber..... | C. H. | D. Hall..... | Treasurer. |
| L. H. Cope..... | P. S. | S. K. Harroll..... | Steward. |
| Eason Johnson..... | R. A. C. | Philip Wolf..... | Steward. |
| W. W. Hickman..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 62 |
| Exalted | 6 |
| Admitted..... | 1 |
| | — 69 |
| Dimitted..... | 7 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 62 |

PERU CHAPTER, No. 60, PERU, LA SALLE COUNTY.

Regular Convocations second Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------|
| Wm. B. Powell..... | H. P. | Joseph Rosenhaupt..... | R. A. C. |
| John M. Dunn..... | King. | John H. Slyder..... | M. 3d V. |
| John Snyder..... | Scribe. | Sam'l Strouse | M. 2d V. |
| Peter Thorne..... | Chaplain. | Fred. Burkart..... | M. 1st V. |
| Geo. H. Munn..... | C. H. | R. C. Hattenhauer..... | Secretary. |
| Peter Sonne..... | P. S. | Peter Bowers | Treasurer. |
| Chas. Loffler | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Members, 1869..... | 52 |
| Dimitted | 2 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 50 |

TYRIAN CHAPTER, No. 61, POLO, OGLE COUNTY.

Regular Convocations Monday in each week.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|--------------------------|------------|
| James C. Luckey | H. P. | Joshua Thorp | M. 3d V. |
| George R. Wells | King. | Andrew M. Hitt | M. 2d V. |
| Chas. F. Barber | Scribe. | Morton D. Swift . | M. 1st V. |
| Sam'l W. Clark | C. H. | Wayland S. Goodhue | Secretary. |
| Sherman S. Rogers | P. S. | Salathiel Hibarger | Treasurer. |
| John H. Mowry | R. A. C. | James Lawson | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Members, 1869 | 22 |
| Exalted | 21 |
| | — 43 |
| Dimitted | 1 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870 | 42 |

LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 62, LEBANON, ST. CLAIR CO.

Regular Convocations first and third Tuesdays after full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|------------|
| Geo. E. Monk | H. P. | J. Reinmann | M. 3d V. |
| John Swaers | King. | T. T. Newman | M. 2d V. |
| H. J. Blanck | Scribe. | J. B. Newman | M. 1st V. |
| W. C. L. Liggett | Chaplain. | W. S. Thomas | Secretary. |
| T. L. Austin | C. H. | J. H. Williams | Treasurer. |
| J. M. Chamberlin | P. S. | F. M. Bradsby | Steward. |
| E. L. French | R. A. C. | H. H. Simmons | Steward. |
| | | L. J. Rerchinbecher | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Members, 1869 | 80 |
| Exalted | 8 |
| | — 88 |
| Dimitted | 2 |
| Expelled | 1 |
| | — 3 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870 | 85 |

MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, No. 63, HILLSBORO, MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first and third Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|
| Isaac H. Shimer..... | H. P. | John L. Marshall..... | M. 3d V. |
| Luke F. Stoddard | King. | Robert K. Bryan..... | M. 2d V. |
| Wm. P. Johnson..... | Scribe. | F. M. Smith..... | M. 1st V. |
| W. S. Hooper | Chaplain. | Chas. W. Jenkins..... | Secretary. |
| Worten Harris | C. H. | A. H. H. Rountree | Treasurer. |
| James Judd | P. S. | Jonathan Enlow..... | Steward. |
| Louis H. Mossler..... | R. A. C. | Robert K. Bryan..... | Steward. |
| Geo. L. Warren | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 70 |
| Exalted | 15 |
| | — 85 |
| Dimited..... | 4 |
| Died | 1 |
| | — 5 |
| Members, 1870..... | 80 |

SALEM CHAPTER, No. 64, SALEM, MARION CO.

Regular Convocations first and third Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|--------------------------|------------|
| Joseph M. Morrow..... | H. P. | Oscar F. Ball..... | M. 3d V. |
| Joseph Shultz..... | King. | Albert R. Allmon..... | M. 2d V. |
| Isaac W. Baldridge..... | Scribe. | Martin V. Allmon | M. 1st V. |
| Louis L. Humphrey..... | C. H. | Charles D. Gresham..... | Secretary. |
| Henry C. Goodnow..... | P. S. | Louis B. Rothchild | Treasurer. |
| William W. Willard..... | R. A. C. | Benjamin Aker..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 39 |
| Exalted | 24 |
| Admitted..... | 1 |
| | — 64 |
| Dimited | 2 |
| Died | 1 |
| Suspended..... | 1 |
| | — 4 |
| Members, 1870..... | 60 |

BEMENT CHAPTER, No. 65, BEMENT, PIATT CO.

Regular Convocations Wednesdays on or before the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| Chas. F. Tenney | H. P. | J. H. Camp..... | M. 3d V. |
| J. O. Sparks..... | King. | O. Newton | M. 2d V. |
| T. T. Pettitt | Scribe. | J. H. Camp..... | M. 1st V. |
| G. H. Gregory..... | Chaplain. | Geo. J. Leisure..... | Secretary. |
| G. S. Dustin | C. H. | S. B. Hawkes..... | Treasurer. |
| W. H. Camp..... | P. S. | Wm. Stillwell | Steward. |
| A. G. Gregory..... | R. A. C. | James Whartin..... | Steward. |
| Charles Young | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Members, 1869..... | 31 |
| Dimitted..... | 1 |
| — | |
| Members, 1870..... | 30 |

TUSCOLA CHAPTER, No. 66, TUSCOLA, DOUGLAS CO.

Regular Convocations first and third Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------|--------------------|------------|
| Derrick Lamb..... | H. P. | G. L. Wicks..... | M. 3d V. |
| Henry C. Slugs | King. | James Townsel..... | M. 2d V. |
| Wm. P. Cannon..... | Scribe. | John Errin | M. 1st V. |
| A. H. Elkin..... | C. H. | W. P. Miller | Secretary. |
| C. Bye..... | P. S. | C. Bright | Treasurer. |
| P. C. Sloan | R. A. C. | C. F. Lamb..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Members, 1869..... | 86 |
| Exalted | 9 |
| Admitted..... | 1 |
| — 96 | |
| Dimitted | 5 |
| Suspended..... | 4 |
| — 9 | |
| — | |
| Members, 1870..... | 87 |

VIENNA CHAPTER, No. 67, VIENNA, JOHNSON CO.

Regular Convocations first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------|
| J. F. Smith..... | H. P. | J. Wroymartin..... | R. A. C. |
| B. S. Smith..... | King. | S. W. Taylor..... | M. 3d V. |
| J. N. Hogg..... | Scribe. | A. J. Henry..... | M. 2d V. |
| J. B. Smith..... | Chaplain. | C. Corbet..... | M. 1st V. |
| W. A. Looney..... | C. H. | S. Jackson..... | Secretary.. |
| D. Ragains..... | P. S. | J. S. Crum..... | Treasurer.. |
| D. S. Kinney..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Members, 1869..... | 42 |
| Dimitted..... | 1 |
| — | |
| Members, 1870..... | 41 |

CANTON CHAPTER, No. 68, CANTON, FULTON CO.

Regular Convocations Friday on or before the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-------------|
| Sylvester Stevens..... | H. P. | Wm. D. May..... | R. A. C. |
| Wm. V. Thompson..... | King. | M. Augustine..... | M. 3d V. |
| L. K. Young..... | Scribe. | J. D. Johnson..... | M. 2d V. |
| J. H. Sanders..... | Chaplain. | H. M. Kline..... | M. 1st V. |
| W. P. Tanguary..... | C. H. | J. C. Brinkerhoff..... | Secretary. |
| Joseph Krischke..... | P. S. | Wm. B. Gleason..... | Treasurer.. |
| Jos. Warders..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Members, 1869..... | 51 |
| Exalted..... | 6 |
| — | |
| Dimitted..... | 1 |
| Died..... | 1 |
| Suspended..... | 1 |
| — | |
| Members, 1870..... | 3 |
| — | |
| Members, 1870..... | 54 |

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 69, CHICAGO, COOK CO.

Regular Convocations second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------|
| A. D. Bascom | H. P. | Wm. Kerr..... | M 2d V. |
| L. Schaffner..... | King. | S. M. Henderson | M 1st V. |
| J. Woodman..... | Scribe. | J. O. Dickinson..... | Secretary. |
| J. Lawless..... | C. H. | T. E. Miller..... | Treasurer. |
| C. C. Phillips..... | P. S. | W. R. Melville..... | Steward. |
| M. Plowman, Jr. | R. A. C. | T. M. Bradley..... | Steward. |
| H. K. Bucham..... | M. 3d V. | T. Phillips | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Members, 1869..... | 146 |
| Exalted | 33 |
| Admitted | 1 |
| | — 180 |
| Dimitted | 2 |
| Died | 1 |
| Expelled | 2 |
| | — 5 |
| Members, 1870..... | 175 |

MARSHALL CHAPTER, No. 70, MARSHALL, CLARK CO.

Regular Convocations Friday on or before the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| Burns Archer..... | H. P. | F. R. Payne..... | M. 3d V. |
| Wm. T. Martin | King. | W. H. Coons..... | M. 2d V. |
| James R. Patten..... | Scribe. | H. C. Balsley..... | M. 1st V. |
| Wm. C. Blundell..... | Chaplain. | Young Whitlock | Secretary. |
| James C. Bryan | C. H. | Rufus Neal | Treasurer. |
| Jacob W. Wilkin..... | P. S. | Homer Quick..... | Steward. |
| H. J. Hancock | R. A. C. | Clark Hall..... | Steward. |
| John R. Archer..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Members, 1869..... | 33 |
| Exalted | 18 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 51 |

CAIRO CHAPTER, No. 71, CAIRO, ALEXANDER CO.

Regular Convocations third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|---------|---------------------|------------|
| P. W. Barclay | H. P. | Hiram Bixby | R. A. C. |
| C. W. Dunning | King. | J. H. Lufkin | M. 3d V. |
| Charles Forest | Scribe. | C. Hanny | M. 2d V. |
| C. F. Yeager | C. H. | F. Kersmeyer | M. 1st V. |
| D. S. Parker | P. S. | M. L. Dunning | Secretary. |
| Herman Mayer | | Treasurer. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Members, 1869 | 55 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| Reinstated | 2 |
| | — 60 |
| Dimitted | 2 |
| Died | 2 |
| Suspended | 16 |
| | — 20 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870 | 40 |

AUGUSTA CHAPTER, No. 72, AUGUSTA, HANCOCK CO.

Regular Convocations Tuesday on or before the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|------------|
| John A. Ross | H. P. | James Kinghorn | M. 3d V. |
| Henry G. Dearborn | King. | Wm. G. Leach | M. 2d V. |
| John F. Steinbarger | Scribe. | Orville L. Pitney | M. 1st V. |
| Eugene J. Lampton | Chaplain. | Joseph Pease | Secretary. |
| Issachar A. Jones | C. H. | Henry A. Young | Treasurer. |
| Randolph C. Michaels | P. S. | Elifalet P. Hawley | Steward. |
| John C. Working | R. A. C. | Daniel H. Swicegood | Steward. |
| Thomas E. Antrim | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Members, 1869 | 94 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| | — 97 |
| Dimitted | 5 |
| Suspended | 1 |
| | — 6 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870 | 91 |

LANSING CHAPTER, No. 73, MARENGO, McHENRY CO.

Regular Convocations second Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|
| P. T. Parkhurst..... | H. P. | B. S. Parker..... | M. 3d V. |
| G. V. Wells | King. | J. Barber | M. 2d V. |
| Wm. Avery..... | Scribe. | Geo. Crego..... | M. 1st V. |
| John Cauch..... | Chaplain. | S. J. James..... | Secretary. |
| E. T. McKenney..... | C. H. | G. V. Wells..... | Treasurer. |
| J. R. Curtis..... | P. S. | George Samter..... | Steward. |
| J. B. Babcock..... | R. A. C. | Thos. Diamond..... | Steward. |
| J. Cauch | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 58 |
| Exalted..... | 3 |
| | — 61 |
| Dimitted..... | 1 |
| Died..... | 2 |
| | — 3 |
| Members, 1870..... | 58 |

MOUND CHAPTER, No. 74, MOUND CITY, PULASKI COUNTY.

Regular Convocations second and fourth Thursdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|----------------------|------------|
| John W. Morris..... | H. P. | Jeremiah Brett..... | M. 3d V. |
| Charles Wilson | King. | A. Gutmann..... | M. 2d V. |
| A. J. Dougherty..... | Scribe. | Chas. Wueninger..... | M. 1st V. |
| Geo. E. Lounsbury | C. H. | John A. Waugh..... | Secretary. |
| H. W. Dyer..... | P. S. | Orlando Wilson..... | Treasurer. |
| F. W. Carrice..... | R. A. C. | John B. McCune..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Members, 1869..... | 29 |
| Reinstated | 1 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 30 |

REYNOLDS CHAPTER, No. 75, CARBONDALE, JACKSON COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first and third Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------------|----------|---------------------------|------------|
| Samuel T. Brush..... | H. P. | Charles C. Lawrence..... | M. 3d V. |
| Ezekiel J. Ingersoll..... | King. | Isaac Rapp..... | M. 2d V. |
| John W. Lawrence..... | Scribe. | Sylvester W. Spiller..... | M. 1st V. |
| Samuel E. North..... | C. H. | John S. Bridges..... | Secretary. |
| Thomas J. Prickett | P. S. | Frank J. Chapman..... | Treasurer. |
| Samuel Michaelis..... | R. A. C. | Davis N. Hamilton..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 39 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| | — 42 |
| Dimitted | 1 |
| Died | 1 |
| | — 2 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 40 |

MASON CHAPTER, No. 76, MASON, EFFINGHAM CO.

Regular Convocations Thursday after the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|
| James R. Scott..... | H. P. | Lawrence Smith..... | R. A. C. |
| David Leith..... | King. | Jay N. Faulk..... | M. 3d V. |
| Stephen Harding..... | Scribe. | Henry B. Turner | M. 2d V. |
| John D. Bush..... | Chaplain. | Johnathan Hooks..... | M. 1st V. |
| Harrison N. Ruffner..... | C. H. | Oliver Jones..... | Secretary. |
| Henry T. Hoxsey | P. S. | Jacob Goddard..... | Treasurer. |
| John Parker..... | | | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 37 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| | — 40 |
| Died | 1 |
| Dimitted..... | 2 |
| | — 3 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 37 |

CARROLLTON CHAPTER, No. 77, CARROLLTON, GREENE COUNTY.

Regular Convocations second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| Henry C. Withers | H. P. | R. G. Robinson..... | R. A. C. |
| James B. Samuels | King. | C. W. Kelley..... | M. 3d V. |
| John Raney..... | Scribe. | John Hill | M. 2d V. |
| E. S. Craig..... | Chaplain. | W. S. Green | M. 1st V. |
| James P. Morron | C. H. | Frank Winfield..... | Secretary. |
| J. B. Nulton..... | P. S. | Robert Pierson | Treasurer. |
| A. Golgatrene..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 75 |
| Exalted | 17 |
| Admitted..... | 1 |
| | — 93 |
| Dimitted..... | 3 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 90 |

KANKAKEE CHAPTER, No. 78, KANKAKEE, KANKAKEE COUNTY.

Regular Convocations second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|
| H. C. Clarke..... | H. P. | F. S. Hatch | M. 3d V. |
| J. B. Hatch | King. | J. F. Leonard..... | M. 2d V. |
| D. C. Taylor..... | Scribe. | Alex. Burchine | M. 1st V. |
| J. M. Whitehead..... | Chaplain. | Burt E. Nichols | Secretary. |
| M. D. Butts..... | C. H. | Wm. Cleghorn | Treasurer. |
| N. C. Terrill | P. S. | Geo. M. Petro | Steward. |
| J. J. Hendricks | R. A. C. | D. Althouse..... | Steward. |
| J. B. Dusbury..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Members, 1869 | 54 |
| Exalted | 9 |
| | — 63 |
| Dimitted | 3 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 60 |

MENDOTA CHAPTER, No. 79, MENDOTA, LA SALLE CO.

Regular Convocations second Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|
| W. F. Bromfield..... | H. P. | P. J. Davis | R. A. C. |
| J. W. Edwards..... | King. | J. B. Dawson..... | M. 3d V. |
| John Gilmore | Scribe. | A. B. Gould..... | M. 2d V. |
| W. S. Harrington | Chaplain. | G. M. Black..... | M. 1st V. |
| T. F. A. Newport | C. H. | Samuel Hastings..... | Secretary. |
| Hiram Higgins | P. S. | Samuel Fernberg | Treasurer. |
| J. R. Liscom | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 69 |
| Exalted | 12 |
| | — 81 |
| Dimited..... | 2 |
| Died | 1 |
| | — 3 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 78 |

URBANA CHAPTER, No. 80, URBANA, CHAMPAIGN CO.

Regular Convocations second Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|------------------------|------------|
| Edward Blackshaw..... | H. P. | Joseph Park..... | M. 3d V. |
| Geo. N. Richards..... | King. | George W. Flynn..... | M. 2d V. |
| Wm. J. Foot..... | Scribe. | Edwin T. Whitcomb..... | M. 1st V. |
| Myron S. Gere..... | C. H. | Lewis A. McLean..... | Secretary. |
| Mahlon Lindley | P. S. | Ely Halberstadt..... | Treasurer. |
| Homer W. Ayers | R. A. C. | Ely J. Heller..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 50 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| | — 53 |
| Dimited..... | 3 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 50 |

LOUISVILLE CHAPTER, No. 81, LOUISVILLE, CLAY CO.

Regular Convocations second and fourth Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------|---------------------|------------|
| C. D. Kendall..... | H. P. | John T. Kurr..... | M. 3d V. |
| Dias C. Hagle..... | King. | H. H. Rayburn | M. 2d V. |
| Wm. H. Hanna..... | Scribe. | G. W. Henry..... | M. 1st V. |
| James Wilders | C. H. | C. W. Apperson..... | Secretary. |
| S. M. Plant | P. S. | S. F. Rayburn..... | Treasurer. |
| S. R. Apperson..... | R. A. C. | John J. Hill..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 31 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| | — 34 |
| Dimitted..... | 1 |
| Died | 1 |
| | — 2 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 32 |

VERMILLION CHAPTER, No. 82, DANVILLE,
VERMILLION COUNTY.*Regular Convocations second Monday in each month.*

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| A. A. Sulcer..... | H. P. | John Mires, Jr. | R. A. C. |
| J. B. Mann..... | King. | J. C. Probst | M. 3d V. |
| W. J. Reynolds..... | Scribe. | R. C. Holton | M. 2d V. |
| E. J. Purdy..... | Chaplain. | J. H. Phillips..... | M. 1st V. |
| R. McCormack | C. H. | A. S. W. Hawes | Secretary. |
| J. C. Winslow | P. S. | C. L. English..... | Treasurer. |
| | | C. E. Lamar | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 42 |
| Exalted | 6 |
| | — 48 |
| Died | 2 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 46 |

CARMi CHAPTER, No. 83, CARMi, WHITE COUNTY.

Regular Convocations Saturday after meeting of Carmi Lodge.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------------|------------|
| T. W. Hay..... | H. P. | George Darrah..... | M. 3d V. |
| R. S. Graham..... | King. | J. M. Damran..... | M. 2d V. |
| T. L. Ross | Scribe. | T. M. Kerney..... | M. 1st V. |
| A. R. Shannon..... | C. H. | W. R. Cochran..... | Secretary. |
| W. R. Cochran..... | P. S. | George Darrah..... | Treasurer. |
| Jasper Partridge..... | R. A. C. | R. W. Ruckle..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 34 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| | — 37 |
| Died..... | 1 |
| Expelled..... | 1 |
| | — 2 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 35 |

HARMAN G. REYNOLDS CHAPTER, No. 84, KASKASKIA,
RANDOLPH COUNTY.*Regular Convocations second and fourth Saturdays in each month.*

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------|----------------------|------------|
| G. W. Staley..... | H. P. | C. A. Jones..... | M. 3d V. |
| Edward Seymour..... | King. | Francis Menteer..... | M. 2d V. |
| John L. Edwards..... | Scribe. | G. A. Jones | M. 1st V. |
| John W. Kurtz..... | C. H. | J. H. Lindsey | Secretary. |
| Jacob Keller..... | P. S. | F. E. Rauch..... | Treasurer. |
| G. B. Morrison..... | R. A. C. | F. Rauch..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Members, 1869..... | 41 |
| Exalted..... | 12 |
| Reinstated..... | 1 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 54 |

MATTOON CHAPTER, No. 85, MATTOON, COLES COUNTY.

Regular Convocations fourth Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------|---------------------|------------|
| Wm. H. House..... | H. P. | B. L. Capen..... | M. 2d V. |
| F. K. Lafever..... | King. | W. J. Lemon..... | M. 1st V. |
| E. A. Thielens..... | Scribe. | Wm. Kemp..... | Secretary. |
| J. R. Harding..... | C. H. | Moses Kahn..... | Treasurer. |
| A. R. Vangieson..... | P. S. | A. R. Hanna..... | Steward. |
| E. P. Ashbrook..... | R. A. C. | Thos. Curtis..... | Steward. |
| Wm. H. Lewis..... | M. 3d V. | C. G. Weymouth..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 42 |
| Exalted..... | 3 |
| Admitted..... | 2 |
| | — 47 |
| Dimitted..... | 1 |
| Suspended..... | 2 |
| Expelled..... | 1 |
| | — 4 |
| Members, 1870..... | 43 |

HAVANA CHAPTER, No. 86, HAVANA, MASON COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first Friday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------|----------|---------------------|------------|
| J. F. Coppel..... | H. P. | J. W. Syke..... | M. 3d V. |
| E. Snyder..... | King. | C. C. Fager..... | M. 2d V. |
| N. Gary..... | Scribe. | A. T. Beck..... | M. 1st V. |
| C. W. Emmett..... | C. H. | J. E. Thatcher..... | Secretary. |
| W. S. Dray..... | P. S. | George Weiner..... | Treasurer. |
| W. H. Webb..... | R. A. C. | H. A. Fager..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 61 |
| Admitted..... | 1 |
| | — 62 |
| Dimitted..... | 2 |
| Died..... | 1 |
| Suspended..... | 1 |
| | — 4 |
| Members, 1870..... | 58 |

EFFINGHAM CHAPTER, No. 87, EFFINGHAM, EFFINGHAM COUNTY.

Regular Convocations third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------|------------------------|------------|
| Thomas A. Brown..... | H. P. | Peter Beever..... | M. 3d V. |
| John H. J. Lacy..... | King. | Wesley Watson..... | M. 2d V. |
| W. H. St. Clair..... | Scribe. | Wm. McPherson..... | M. 1st V. |
| Benj. F. Kagay..... | C. H. | Joseph B. Jones..... | Secretary. |
| H. B. Kepley..... | P. S. | Thos. D. Croddock..... | Treasurer. |
| W. J. N. Fisher..... | R. A. C. | J. C. Simonton..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Members, 1869..... | 33 |
| Reinstated..... | 2 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 35 |

BARRY CHAPTER, No. 88, BARRY, PIKE COUNTY.

Regular Convocations Monday on or before the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|----------------------|------------|
| George Wike..... | H. P. | George Wike, Jr..... | M. 3d V. |
| John P. Grubb..... | King. | G. H. Wike..... | M. 2d V. |
| Alexander Hamilton..... | Scribe. | G. W. Perry..... | M. 1st V. |
| R. St. John..... | C. H. | D. W. Greene..... | Secretary. |
| D. J. Wike..... | P. S. | A. White..... | Treasurer. |
| W. G. Hubbard..... | R. A. C. | W. F. White..... | Steward. |
| C. S. Allen..... | | | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Members, 1869..... | 55 |
| Exalted..... | 3 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 58 |

NASHVILLE CHAPTER, No. 89, NASHVILLE, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|----------------------|------------|
| Thomas B. Needles..... | H. P. | M. L. Palmer..... | M. 3d V. |
| Louis Kraughoff..... | King. | Isader Bach..... | M. 2d V. |
| Isaac J. Clark..... | Scribe. | James H. Sawyer..... | M. 1st V. |
| Harlan P. Walker..... | C. H. | Daniel Hay..... | Secretary. |
| Amos Watts..... | P. S. | James H. Means..... | Treasurer. |
| George S. Anderson..... | R. A. C. | Daniel T. Short..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Members, 1869..... | 41 |
| Dimitted | 1 |
| Died | 2 |
| | — 3 |
| Members, 1870..... | 38 |

KISHWAUKEE CHAPTER, No. 90, BELVIDERE, BOONE COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------|----------------------|------------|
| J. B. Mulliken..... | H. P. | Frank M. Wilson..... | M. 2d V. |
| A. W. Burnside..... | King. | C. H. Peck..... | M. 1st V. |
| G. M. Peal..... | Scribe. | Forrester Clark..... | Secretary. |
| L. H. Murch..... | C. H. | A. E. Jenner..... | Treasurer. |
| C. B. Loop..... | P. S. | Wm. Whitehead..... | Steward. |
| W. C. Detrich..... | R. A. C. | H. F. Bowly..... | Steward. |
| G. W. Downs..... | M. 3d V. | L. E. Benson..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 54 |
| Exalted..... | 3 |
| | — 57 |
| Dimitted | 2 |
| Members, 1870..... | 55 |

GEORGE L. DUNLAP CHAPTER, No. 91, HARVARD,
McHENRY COUNTY.

Regular Convocations second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|--------------------------|----------|----------------------|------------|
| J. C. Crumb | H. P. | Frank Kaub..... | M. 3d V. |
| D. Barrows..... | King. | Lartin Erickson..... | M. 2d V. |
| Benj. F. Groesbeck | Scribe. | James Rogers..... | M. 1st V. |
| Abraham Carmach..... | C. H. | E. S. Weeden | Secretary. |
| D. W. Downs..... | P. S. | L. Bachus..... | Treasurer. |
| Robt. Gardiner..... | R. A. C. | Asel. Brainard | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Members, 1869..... | 46 |
| Dimitted..... | 4 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870 | 42 |

AUBURN CHAPTER, No. 92, AUBURN, SANGAMON CO.

Regular Convocations first Tuesday on or after the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| J. N. Williams..... | H. P. | D. D. Martin | R. A. C. |
| J. M. Bennington..... | King. | A. S. Davenport..... | M. 3d V. |
| W. D. Wheeler..... | Scribe. | W. Antisdell..... | M. 2d V. |
| J. M. Wells..... | Chaplain. | B. M. Cheeney..... | M. 1st V. |
| Daniel Wadsworth..... | C. H. | John Piper | Secretary. |
| J. M. Stout..... | P. S. | C. L. Bridges | Treasurer. |
| F. E. Dodds..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Members, 1869..... | 48 |
| Dimitted..... | 1 |
| Expelled..... | 1 |
| | — 2 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 46 |

CENTRALIA CHAPTER, No. 93, CENTRALIA, MARION COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first and third Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|
| W. S. Pease | H. P. | John K. Lape..... | M. 3d V. |
| A. W. Van Antwerp..... | King. | E. A. Watkins..... | M. 2d V. |
| H. L. Rhodes..... | Scribe. | J. V. Allen | M. 1st V. |
| J. D. Gilham | Chaplain. | Cy. D. Fletcher | Secretary. |
| Richard Woods | C. H. | E. P. Phelps..... | Treasurer. |
| Charles F. Lape..... | P. S. | David Oxley..... | Steward. |
| E. W. Jones | R. A. C. | Ole Torgerson..... | Steward. |
| J. V. Swarthout..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 48 |
| Exalted | 12 |
| Admitted | 1 |
| Reinstated..... | 1 |
| | — 62 |
| Dimitted | 3 |
| Died..... | 1 |
| Suspended..... | 1 |
| | — 5 |
| Members, 1870..... | 57 |

HOMER CHAPTER, No. 94, SIDNEY, CHAMPAIGN CO.

Regular Convocations Monday on or before the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|--------------------|----------|-------------------|------------|
| G. W. Hartman..... | H. P. | Z. S. Pratt. | M. 3d V. |
| M. D. Coffeen..... | King. | A. Upp..... | M. 2d V. |
| E. J. Gorham | Scribe. | A. Sager | M. 1st V. |
| Wm. Black | C. H. | S. W. Custer..... | Secretary. |
| O. J. Upp..... | P. S. | James Davis..... | Treasurer. |
| E. B. Johnson..... | R. A. C. | James Davis..... | Steward. |
| S. M. Custer..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Members, 1869 | 21 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| | — 24 |
| Dimitted | 1 |
| Members, 1870..... | 23 |

RABBONI CHAPTER, No. 95, KNOXVILLE, KNOX CO.

Regular Convocations second and fourth Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------|
| A. W. Martin..... | H. P. | Thomas Collins..... | M. 3d V. |
| Silas Bruce..... | King. | James McCracken | M. 2d V. |
| Z. W. Stevens..... | Scribe. | Levi Hodge..... | M. 1st V. |
| John W. Semple..... | C. H. | D. M. Eiker | Secretary. |
| James Runkle | P. S. | T. T. Parmenter..... | Treasurer. |
| James Boyd..... | R. A. C. | Thos. Hicks..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 32 |
| Admitted | 1 |
| | — 33 |
| Dimitted | 1 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 32 |

LOYAL L. MUNN CHAPTER, No. 96, ELGIN, KANE CO.

Regular Convocations first and third Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|------------------------|----------|--------------------------|------------|
| John A. Coburn..... | H. P. | Chas. D. Dickenson | M. 2d V. |
| Thomas H. Foster..... | King. | Edward F. Emory..... | M. 1st V. |
| Elisha Lee..... | Scribe. | John W. Farnum | Secretary. |
| George J. Moore | C. H. | Charles O'Connell..... | Treasurer. |
| John W. Ranstead..... | P. S. | Albert K. Belcher..... | Steward. |
| Jared F. Spalding..... | R. A. C. | Maynard F. Peirce..... | Steward. |
| Geo. W. White..... | M. 3d V. | William Rose..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 57 |
| Exalted..... | 3 |
| Admitted | 1 |
| | — 61 |
| Dimitted | 1 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 60 |

TAZEWELL CHAPTER, No. 97, WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY.

Regular Convocations Wednesday on or before the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|------------------------|------------|
| Joseph B. Miles..... | H. P. | Wm. S. Griffith..... | M. 3d V. |
| Peter Fifer | King. | Chas. E. Anthony..... | M. 2d V. |
| Samuel Y. Weiser..... | Scribe. | Wm. A. Ross..... | M. 1st V. |
| Jesse B. Cooper | C. H. | Solomon S. Zinser..... | Secretary. |
| John G. Gorin..... | P. S. | James R. Crane..... | Treasurer. |
| James F. Hoover | R. A. C. | Geo. W. Crane..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 33 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| | — 36 |
| Dimitted | 2 |
| Suspended..... | 1 |
| | — 3 |
| Members, 1870..... | 33 |

EUREKA CHAPTER, No. 98, YATES CITY, KNOX CO.

Regular Convocations first and second Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------|-------------------------|------------|
| G. N. Pierce..... | H. P. | Jas. H. Nicholson | M. 3d V. |
| J. M. Corey..... | King. | H. H. Potts | M. 2d V. |
| J. E. Knable | Scribe. | H. H. Wood | M. 1st V. |
| Wm. H. Longdon..... | C. H. | J. W. Hensley..... | Secretary. |
| Wm. H. Eastman..... | P. S. | J. C. Riner..... | Treasurer. |
| Chas. H. Mason..... | R. A. C. | Wm. H. Honser | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Members, 1869..... | 50 |
| Dimitted | 2 |
| Expelled | 1 |
| | — 3 |
| Members, 1870..... | 47 |

FAIRBURY CHAPTER, No. 99, FAIRBURY, LIVINGSTON COUNTY.

Regular Convocations second and fourth Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|
| N. T. P. Robertson..... | H. P. | Moses Osman..... | M. 3d V. |
| Henry Remington..... | King. | M. S. McDonald | M. 2d V. |
| James King, Jr..... | Scribe. | Peter Laubenheimer..... | M. 1st V. |
| J. Cairns..... | Chaplain. | Smith Olney..... | Secretary. |
| Horace M. Gillette..... | C. H. | J. F. Blackburn..... | Treasurer. |
| John Zimmerman | P. S. | J. J. Wright | Steward. |
| James H. Enslow..... | R. A. C. | B. E. Robinson..... | Steward. |
| James King, Sr..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | | |
|--------------------|----|----|
| Members, 1869..... | 61 | |
| Exalted | 9 | |
| Admitted..... | 1 | |
| | — | 71 |
| Dimitted..... | 5 | |
| Died | 1 | |
| Suspended..... | 3 | |
| | — | 9 |
| | — | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 62 | |

MARION CHAPTER, No. 100, MARION, WILLIAMSON CO.

Regular Convocations third Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|
| John D. F. Jennings..... | H. P. | Hardin Goodall..... | M. 3d V. |
| Wm. W. Clemens | King. | Sam'l S. Vick..... | M. 2d V. |
| Geo. W. Goddard..... | Scribe. | Wm. H. Bundy..... | M. 1st V. |
| Jeremiah S. Rice..... | Chaplain. | Aug. N. Lodge..... | Secretary. |
| Charles M. Edwards..... | C. H. | John M. Young..... | Treasurer. |
| James M. Burkhart..... | P. S. | Frank M. Goodall..... | Steward. |
| Mart. W. Robertson..... | R. A. C. | Moses W. Barhem | Steward. |
| Joseph Hopper..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | | |
|--------------------|----|----|
| Members, 1869..... | 41 | |
| Exalted..... | 15 | |
| | — | 56 |
| Dimitted | 1 | |
| Died | 1 | |
| | — | 2 |
| | — | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 54 | |

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER, No. 101, METROPOLIS, MASSAC COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first Friday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|
| Thomas Moore..... | H. P. | H. Quanti | R. A. C. |
| Benj. Rankin..... | King. | J. F. Challis..... | M. 3d V. |
| J. E. Roberts..... | Scribe. | Joseph Brown..... | M. 2d V. |
| Wm. H. Scott..... | Chaplain. | John H. Scott..... | M. 1st V. |
| George W. R. Corlis..... | C. H. | J. C. Sheets..... | Secretary. |
| W. H. Scott..... | P. S. | A. D. Davis..... | Treasurer. |
| L. Chatfield..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 46 |
| Exalted | 6 |
| | — 52 |
| Dimitted..... | 1 |
| Died | 1 |
| | — 2 |
| Members, 1870..... | 50 |

TAYLORVILLE CHAPTER, No. 102, TAYLORVILLE, CHRISTIAN COUNTY.

Regular Convocations second Friday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------|
| Dorice D. Shumway..... | H. P. | Hiram P. Shumway..... | R. A. C. |
| Wm. A. Goodrich..... | King. | Harvey C. Parsons..... | M. 3d V. |
| Wm. Singer..... | Scribe. | James Brooks..... | M. 2d V. |
| Edward Jones | Chaplain. | Wm. B. Hundley..... | M. 1st V. |
| John J. Squire | C. H. | John B. Jones..... | Secretary. |
| Joseph S. Torrey..... | P. S. | Wm. T. Vandever | Treasurer. |
| Marcey L. Young..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 45 |
| Exalted | 9 |
| | — 54 |
| Dimitted | 1 |
| Died..... | 1 |
| | — 2 |
| Members, 1870..... | 52 |

STALEY CHAPTER, No 103, SPARTA, RANDOLPH COUNTY.

Regular Convocations first and third Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------------------|------------|
| James Douglas..... | H. P. | Wm. F. Wilson..... | M. 3d V. |
| D. S. Booth..... | King. | Samuel Douglas..... | M. 2d V. |
| Lloyd D. Burgess..... | Scribe. | James P. Campbell | M. 1st V. |
| C. A. Bradshaw..... | C. H. | Alex. G. Wilson | Secretary. |
| G. H. Carson..... | P. S. | Lee Bottom..... | Treasurer. |
| A. W. Johnson..... | R. A. C. | James D. Anderson..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Members, 1869 | 32 |
| Exalted..... | 9 |
| | — 41 |
| Dimitted..... | 2 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 39 |

CLAYTON CHAPTER, No. 104, CLAYTON, ADAMS COUNTY.

Regular Convocations second and fourth Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------|
| Lewis Slocum..... | H. P. | Jacob Hazlitt..... | M. 3d V. |
| R. P. Montgomery..... | King. | R. M. Ewing..... | M. 2d V. |
| Robert Brown..... | Scribe. | James Kirkpatrick..... | M. 1st V. |
| W. McK. Gooding | Chaplain. | E. Parker..... | Secretary. |
| A. S. McDowell..... | C. H. | H. P. Coe..... | Treasurer. |
| B. W. Bryant..... | P. S. | T. G. Black..... | Steward. |
| J. C. Miller..... | R. A. C. | S. N. Black..... | Steward. |
| | | Wm. Stout..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 35 |
| Exalted | 9 |
| | — 44 |
| Dimitted | 7 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 37 |

LENA CHAPTER, No. 105, LENA, STEPHENSON COUNTY.

Regular Convocations second Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Samuel J. Dodds.....H. P. | Rubin Snider | R. A. C. |
| William Winter.....King. | James McFatrigh..... | M. 3d V. |
| Soloman G. Stover.....Scribe. | Alex'r McEathron..... | M. 2d V. |
| Joseph Sechler.....Chaplain. | F. A. Darling..... | M. 1st V. |
| Fred. W. Byers.....C. H. | John M. Schermerhorn..... | Secretary. |
| W. H. Schock.....P. S. | P. H. Kaufman | Treasurer. |
| John Hammond ..... | ..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 41 |
| Exalted | 6 |
| | — 47 |
| Dimitted | 4 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 43 |

BELLEVILLE CHAPTER, No. 106, BELLEVILLE, ST. CLAIR COUNTY.

(Chartered October 4, 1867.)

Regular Convocations first and third Saturdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| C. A. Monk.....H. P. | A. B. Russell..... | M. 2d V. |
| J. P. Rich.....King. | R. U. Heimberger | M. 1st V. |
| J. K. Mullen.....Scribe. | J. B. Gwillim | Secretary. |
| John Heinzelman | David Miley..... | Treasurer. |
| A. S. Wilderman.....P. S. | John C. Goodhue | Steward. |
| J. M. Schroeder.....R. A. C. | F. H. Cobb | Steward. |
| Samuel Swancutt.....M. 3d V. | David Badgley | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 57 |
| Exalted | 7 |
| | — 64 |
| Dimitted | 2 |
| Died | 1 |
| Expelled | 1 |
| | — 4 |
| Members, 1870..... | 60 |

SANDWICH CHAPTER, No. 107, SANDWICH, DE KALB COUNTY.

(Chartered October 4, 1867.)

Regular Convocations first and third Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|
| James H. Furman..... | H. P. | George R. Wallace | M. 3d V. |
| Geo. W. Culver | King. | Geo. Kleinsmid | M. 2d V. |
| Baruch C. Whitcomb | Scribe. | Ed. S. Johnson | M. 1st V. |
| Thomas Reese | Chaplain. | Geo. H. Whitcomb..... | Secretary. |
| George B. Devoil..... | C. H. | Joseph H. Carr..... | Treasurer. |
| W. L. Simmons | P. S. | Wm. G. Morris..... | Steward. |
| James Warner..... | R. A. C. | H. P. Dering | Steward. |
| Augustus Hamen..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 40 |
| Exalted | 6 |
| | — 46 |
| Expelled | 1 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 45 |

FULTON CHAPTER, No. 108, FULTON, WHITESIDE CO.

(Chartered October 4, 1867.)

Regular Convocations Wednesday on or before the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------|
| Abraham Sallee..... | H. P. | Edw. W. Dutcher | M. 2d V. |
| Geo. W. Woodward | King. | Wm. H. Pratt..... | M. 1st V. |
| Socrates C. Bates..... | Scribe. | John Phelps..... | Secretary. |
| Reuben H. Adams..... | C. H. | Wm. C. Snyder | Treasurer. |
| George D. Van Horn..... | P. S. | M. L. Osborn | Steward. |
| Calvin H. Dodge | R. A. C. | Oscar Summers..... | Steward. |
| James W. Smith..... | M. 3d V. | Charles D. Rose | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 36 |
| Exalted | 9 |
| Admitted..... | 3 |
| | — 48 |
| Dimitted | 1 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 47 |

NEWTON CHAPTER, No. 109, NEWTON, JASPER COUNTY.

(Chartered, October 4, 1867.)

Regular Convocations Wednesday succeeding the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------------|------------|
| James S. Waller..... | H. P. | J. B. McNair..... | M. 2d V. |
| John H. Maxwell..... | King. | George Large..... | M. 1st V. |
| John Dee Yeager..... | Scribe. | John Franke..... | Secretary. |
| George Scawthorn..... | C. H. | T. J. Martin..... | Treasurer. |
| Simpson Johnson..... | P. S. | Joseph Cooper..... | Steward. |
| P. S. McLaughlin..... | R. A. C. | W. H. Eidson..... | Steward. |
| A. S. Harris..... | M. 3d V. | W. H. Harris..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Members, 1869 | 27 |
| Exalted..... | 3 |
| Admitted..... | 1 |
| | — 31 |
| Died..... | 2 |
| Suspended..... | 1 |
| | — 3 |
| Members, 1870..... | 28 |

WOODFORD CHAPTER, No. 110, METAMORA, WOODFORD COUNTY.

(Chartered, October 4, 1867.)

Regular Convocations first Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|----------------------|------------|
| John W. Page..... | H. P. | Wm. J. Cassell..... | M. 2d V. |
| Edward Kipp..... | King. | Thomas Hicks..... | M. 1st V. |
| James M. John..... | Scribe. | John J. Perry..... | Secretary. |
| Theron D. Walden..... | C. H. | Wm. H. Delph..... | Treasurer. |
| Adine Page..... | P. S. | Joseph M. Clark..... | Steward. |
| Marion A. Bowen..... | R. A. C. | Wm. Hicks..... | Steward. |
| James F. Earl..... | M. 3d V. | Gilbert Egbert..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 20 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| | — 23 |
| Died..... | 1 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 22 |

DALLAS CHAPTER, No. 111, DALLAS, HANCOCK
COUNTY.

(Chartered, October 4, 1867.)

*Regular Convocations Wednesday on or after the full moon, and the second
Wednesday thereafter.*

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------------------|------------|
| Benj. F. Newlan..... | H. P. | George Kraig..... | M. 3d V. |
| John Cooper..... | King. | Maxwell Dickey | M. 2d V. |
| A. P. Lionberger | Scribe. | Wm. Scott..... | M. 1st V. |
| B. Mendenhall..... | C. H. | Jonathan Rice..... | Secretary. |
| A. C. Crany..... | P. S. | A. F. Logan..... | Treasurer. |
| Thomas M. Scott..... | R. A. C. | A. C. Scott..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Members, 1869..... | 24 |
| Exalted | 6 |
| Members, 1870..... | 30 |

NEW RUTLAND CHAPTER, No. 112, NEW RUTLAND,
LA SALLE COUNTY.

(Chartered, October 4, 1867.)

Regular Convocations Thursday before the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------------|----------|----------------------|------------|
| Edward L. Marquis..... | H. P. | Geo. A. Boyd..... | M. 2d V. |
| Christian Clewell..... | King. | David B. Little..... | M. 1st V. |
| John Brevoort..... | Scribe. | R. D. McDonald..... | Secretary. |
| Sylvanus S. Chapman..... | C. H. | Jesse D. Evans..... | Treasurer. |
| Freemian A. McPherson..... | P. S. | R. L. Hamilton..... | Steward. |
| Wm. S. Wayman..... | R. A. C. | Thomas W. Bane..... | Steward. |
| John Wallace..... | M. 3d V. | Greenup Bird..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Members, 1869 | 57 |
| Exalted..... | 12 |
| Died..... | 69 |
| | 2 |
| Members, 1870..... | 67 |

FORD CHAPTER, No. 113, PAXTON, FORD COUNTY.

(Chartered, October 4, 1867.)

Regular Convocations second and fourth Thursdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------|
| S. J. Toy..... | H. P. | T. E. Barnhouse..... | M. 3d V. |
| Wilson Hoag..... | King. | Wm. Noel..... | M. 2d V. |
| W. Scott..... | Scribe. | F. B. Mason..... | M. 1st V. |
| Geo. J. Shepardson..... | C. H. | J. P. Middlecoff..... | Secretary. |
| Sam'l M. Newlin..... | P. S. | R. R. Murdock..... | Treasurer. |
| R. C. Christian..... | R. A. C. | L. D. Hornback..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| Members, 1869 | 33 |
| Exalted | 17 |
| | — 50 |
| Dimited | 1 |
| Died | 1 |
| | — 2 |
| Members, 1870..... | 48 |

WATSEKA CHAPTER, No. 114, WATSEKA, IROQUOIS COUNTY.

(Chartered, October 4, 1867.)

Regular Convocations second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------|
| Decatur Morgan..... | H. P. | Lewis G. Remer..... | M. 2d V. |
| Cornelius F. McNeill..... | King. | James Wasson..... | M. 1st V. |
| Samuel B. Norton..... | Scribe. | Thomas S. Arnold..... | Secretary. |
| Daniel L. Jewett..... | C. H. | James Wasson..... | Treasurer. |
| Asa B. Roff..... | P. S. | James Canviers..... | Steward. |
| Wm. M. Coney..... | R. A. C. | Edward Rice..... | Steward. |
| Geo. E. King..... | M. 3d V. | John H. Bishop..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 33 |
| Exalted | 9 |
| | — 42 |
| Dimited | 1 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 41 |

PANA CHAPTER, No. 115, PANA, CHRISTIAN COUNTY.

(Chartered October 9, 1868.)

Regular Convocations first and third Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------|---------------------|------------|
| L. Johnston..... | H. P. | E. A. Humphrey..... | M. 3d V. |
| O. H. Paddock..... | King. | W. W. Watkins..... | M. 2d V. |
| L. Schlierbach..... | Scribe. | E. Kelly..... | M. 1st V. |
| S. Dickey..... | C. H. | S. P. Johns..... | Secretary. |
| S. Mooney..... | P. S. | Nelson Warren..... | Treasurer. |
| G. I. Ladd..... | R. A. C. | D. McLeod..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

Members, 1870..... 18

STAUNTON CHAPTER, No. 116, STAUNTON, MACOUPIN COUNTY.

(Chartered October 9, 1868.)

Regular Convocations Tuesday after the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------|
| James Davie..... | H. P. | Josiah R. Ripley..... | M. 3d V. |
| Isaac S. Sturges..... | King. | John F. Robb..... | M. 2d V. |
| Robert Hoxsey..... | Scribe. | Newton Powers..... | M. 1st V. |
| Bernard E. Hoen..... | C. H. | Lee A. Hall..... | Secretary. |
| Tomas Blair..... | P. S. | Peter L. Camp..... | Treasurer. |
| Return H. Deming..... | R. A. C. | Wm. R. Cowell..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 23 |
| Exalted..... | 12 |
| Admitted..... | 4 |
| | — 39 |
| Dimitted..... | 2 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 37 |

PALATINE CHAPTER, No. 117, PALATINE, COOK CO.

(Chartered October 9, 1868.)

Regular Convocations first and third Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------------|------------|
| N. P. Keyes..... | H. P. | H. Snow..... | M. 2d V. |
| S. P. Brown..... | King. | M. Blum | M. 1st V. |
| R. S. Williamson..... | Scribe. | F. J. Filbert..... | Secretary. |
| M. S. Johnson | C. H. | A. Drotzkowski..... | Treasurer. |
| J. H. Williams | P. S. | C. L. Whitcomb..... | Steward. |
| J. H. Pahlman..... | R. A. C. | Charles Cheny..... | Steward. |
| H. Webster..... | M. 3d V. | M. Swick..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 29 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| | — 32 |
| Dimitted | 1 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 31 |

MILTON CHAPTER, No. 118, MILTON, PIKE COUNTY.

(Chartered October 9, 1868.)

Regular Convocations Saturday of the week of the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|--------------------|----------|--------------------|------------|
| H. J. Harris..... | H. P. | Wm. Scott..... | M. 3d V. |
| Nathan Kibler..... | King. | A. Roper..... | M. 2d V. |
| J. Shadle | Scribe. | J. Kinman | M. 1st V. |
| M. Grimes..... | C. H. | F. M. Grimes..... | Secretary. |
| J. W. Boren..... | P. S. | J. A. Brown | Treasurer. |
| J. H. Long..... | R. A. C. | G. W. Kinman | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Members, 1870..... | 21 |
|--------------------|----|

DE WITT CHAPTER, No. 119, PETERSBURG, MENARD COUNTY.

(Chartered October 9, 1868.)

Regular Convocations second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------|------------------------|------------|
| H. Hamilton..... | H. P. | F. P. Antle..... | M. 3d V. |
| T. M. Stith | King. | C. Shipp..... | M. 2d V. |
| Jno. T. Brooks..... | Scribe. | Jno. H. Lingrell | M. 1st V. |
| Jno. W. Carver | C. H. | J. G. Strodtmann | Secretary. |
| M. E. Kenna | P. S. | H. W. Montgomery..... | Treasurer. |
| J. P. Smith | R. A. C. | T. W. Bregina | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 29 |
| Exalted | 9 |
| Admitted..... | 1 |
| | — 39 |
| Suspended..... | 1 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 38 |

ELLIOTT CHAPTER, No. 120, LITCHFIELD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

(Chartered October 9, 1868.)

Regular Convocations second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------|
| Geo. W. Amsden | H. P. | John Lange..... | M. 2d V. |
| Sam'l D. Kirkpatrick | King. | Alf. J. Wood | M. 1st V. |
| Geo. M. Loughmiller | Scribe. | John S. Gaylord | Secretary. |
| James Gowenloch | C. H. | James Rogers | Treasurer. |
| Geo. M. Raymond | P. S. | Jas. M. Ashlock | Steward. |
| Charles Busch..... | R. A. C. | John B. Carson..... | Steward. |
| C. W. Parish | M. 3d V. | W. B. Stoddard | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 41 |
| Exalted | 9 |
| Admitted..... | 1 |
| | — 51 |
| Dimited | 1 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 50 |

MT. PULASKI CHAPTER, No. 121, MT. PULASKI, LOGAN COUNTY.

(Chartered October 9, 1868.)

Regular Convocations first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|
| John H. Toole | H. P. | John N. Pumpelly | R. A. C. |
| John Weigle | King. | Edward B. Weakly | M. 3d V. |
| Wm. A. Shafer | Scribe. | Thos. F. Whitaker | M. 2d V. |
| Richard E. Turley | Chaplain. | Isaac Tomlinson | M. 1st V. |
| Alphard S. Gidson | C. H. | Joseph W. Ewing | Secretary. |
| John R. Ayers | P. S. | John Krieg | Treasurer. |
| Charles M. Snyder | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Members, 1869 | 24 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| | — 27 |
| Died | 1 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870 | 26 |

ODIN CHAPTER, No. 122, ODIN, MARION COUNTY.

(Chartered October 9, 1868.)

Regular Convocations second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------|--------------------------|------------|
| H. S. DePew | H. P. | J. Barrister | M. 3d V. |
| Wm. Aird | King. | M. M. Martin | M. 2d V. |
| J. H. Mendeler | Scribe. | Allen Strait | M. 1st V. |
| G. W. Black | C. H. | Thos. J. Whitehead | Secretary. |
| S. C. Guess | P. S. | L. Robertson | Treasurer. |
| W. Kenner | R. A. C. | E. Higby | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Members, 1869 | 29 |
| Exalted | 8 |
| | — 37 |
| Dimited | 2 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870 | 35 |

CHILLICOTHE CHAPTER, No. 123, CHILLICOTHE, PEORIA COUNTY.

(Chartered October 9, 1868.)

Regular Convocations Tuesday on or before the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|
| Wm. McLean..... | H. P. | Geo. P. Lester..... | R. A. C |
| John L. Kenner..... | King. | C. W. Carroll..... | M. 3d V. |
| Lambert Pond | Scribe. | Wm. H. Miller..... | M. 2d V. |
| G. D. Kent | Chaplain. | H. F. Hyde..... | M. 1st V. |
| John W. Fuller | C. H. | H. A. Hunter..... | Secretary. |
| Isaac Lewis..... | P. S. | John Unger..... | Treasurer. |
| John Unger | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 19 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| Admitted..... | 1 |
| | — 23 |
| Died..... | 1 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 22 |

SANGAMON CHAPTER, No. 124, DAWSON, SANGAMON COUNTY.

(Chartered October 9, 1868.)

Regular Convocations first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------------------|------------|
| Rufus K. Hawley | H. P. | Dabuey Cooper | M. 3d V. |
| Wm. Walter Judd..... | King. | Alfred F. Constant..... | M. 2d V. |
| Alfred F. Thompson | Scribe. | James M. King..... | M. 1st V. |
| James M. Wilson | C. H. | John Billington..... | Secretary. |
| Samuel H. Claspell | P. S. | John F. Mitts..... | Treasurer. |
| John H. Thankland..... | R. A. C. | A. Maxwell..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 27 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| Admitted..... | 1 |
| | — 31 |
| Dimitted..... | 2 |
| Died..... | 1 |
| | — 3 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 28 |

KANSAS CHAPTER, No. 125, KANSAS, EDGAR COUNTY.

(Chartered October 9, 1868.)

Regular Convocations Monday on or next preceding the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|
| A. P. Forsyth | H. P. | W. S. Brown..... | R. A. C. |
| W. H. Brown..... | King. | Mordecai Safford..... | M. 3d V. |
| J. B. Holland..... | Scribe. | Stephen Hoag | M. 2d V. |
| G. R. Blood..... | Chaplain. | W. T. Arterburn..... | M. 1st V. |
| W. F. Boyer..... | C. H. | H. Stubbs..... | Secretary. |
| N. S. Haynes..... | P. S. | Geo. Ringland..... | Treasurer. |
| Lewis Huben..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | | |
|--------------------|----|----|
| Members, 1869..... | 25 | |
| Exalted | 6 | |
| | — | 31 |
| Dimited..... | | 1 |
| | | — |
| Members, 1870..... | | 30 |

WILEY M. EGAN CHAPTER, No. 126, CHICAGO, COOK COUNTY.

(Chartered October 9, 1868.)

Regular Convocations first and third Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------|
| T. Whit. Perry..... | H. P. | Thomas H. Cook..... | M. 3d V. |
| John Evans..... | King. | William Russell..... | M. 2d V. |
| John Corcran..... | Scribe. | William Danneil..... | M. 1st V. |
| Chas. G. Howell..... | C. H. | Chas. VanCampen. | Secretary. |
| R. J. Colburn..... | P. S. | John Wallwork..... | Treasurer. |
| James D. Wilson..... | R. A. C. | Wm. B. Ryas | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | | |
|--------------------|----|----|
| Members, 1869..... | 56 | |
| Exalted | 9 | |
| | — | 65 |
| | | — |
| Members, 1870..... | | 65 |

CHICAGO CHAPTER, No. 127, CHICAGO, COOK CO.

(Chartered October 9, 1868.)

Regular Convocations first and third Mondays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|------------------------|----------|---------------------|------------|
| G. S. Barstow..... | H. P. | E. Griffiths | M. 3d V. |
| Moore Conger..... | King. | J. M. Gaylord..... | M. 2d V. |
| William Aldrich..... | Scribe. | D. F. Crilley | M. 1st V. |
| Geo. T. Williams | C. H. | S. C. Mix..... | Secretary. |
| H. N. Hurlbut..... | P. S. | John Start..... | Treasurer. |
| J. H. Bowers..... | R. A. C. | Isaac Parker..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 62 |
| Exalted | 12 |
| Admitted..... | 1 |
| | — 75 |
| Dimitted..... | 1 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 74 |

SULLIVAN CHAPTER, No. 128, SULLIVAN, MOULTRIE COUNTY.

(Chartered October 9, 1868.)

Regular Convocations Saturday after the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------|
| W. B. Kelner..... | H. P. | A. N. Smyser..... | M. 3d V. |
| J. H. Waggoner | King. | David Chase..... | M. 2d V. |
| A. P. Powers..... | Scribe. | Teague Rae..... | M. 1st V. |
| Peter Cofer..... | C. H. | J. R. Duncan | Secretary. |
| S. W. Wright | P. S. | T. M. Bushfield | Treasurer. |
| J. S. Cunningham | R. A. C. | James Earp | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Members, 1869..... | 25 |
| | — |
| Died | 1 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 24 |

NATHAN WHITNEY CHAPTER, No. 129, FRANKLIN GROVE, LEE COUNTY.

(Chartered October 9, 1868.)

Regular Convocations first and third Thursdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|
| Peter C. Rooney | H. P. | Jerod M. Forbes | M. 3d V. |
| Henry H. Glenn..... | King. | Horace Street..... | M. 2d V. |
| Nathan Whitney..... | Scribe. | Cyrus Thomas..... | M. 1st V. |
| Milican Hunt..... | Chaplain. | Edwin E. Faunce..... | Secretary. |
| William Forbes..... | C. H. | A. R. Whitney..... | Treasurer. |
| Samuel Dysart..... | P. S. | William Stewart..... | Steward. |
| Henry A. Black..... | R. A. C. | Geo. W. Hewitt..... | Steward. |
| Joseph B. Spafford..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 27 |
| Exalted | 6 |
| | — 33 |
| Dimitted | 1 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 32 |

MACKEY CHAPTER, No. 130, EL PASO, WOODFORD CO.

(Chartered October 9, 1868.)

Regular Convocations first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|
| James Thompson..... | H. P. | Jacob Fix..... | R. A. C. |
| O. P. A. Myers..... | King. | D. O'Brien..... | M. 3d V. |
| D. C. Smith..... | Scribe. | H. W. Sample..... | M. 2d V. |
| C. M. Wright | Chaplain. | James McAlden..... | M. 1st V. |
| W. G. Randall | C. H. | P. H. Tompkins..... | Secretary. |
| Geo. L. Gibson..... | P. S. | Jacob Burtis | Treasurer. |
| John Bridges..... | | Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Members, 1869..... | 40 |
| Exalted | 6 |
| Admitted | 2 |
| | — 48 |
| Dimitted | 8 |
| | — |
| Members, 1870..... | 40 |

PAYSON CHAPTER, No. 131, PAYSON, ADAMS COUNTY.

(Chartered October 9, 1868.)

Regular Convocations Saturday on or before the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Frederick J. Urech.....H. P. | Oscar Waggy.....R. A. C. |
| David H. Collins.....King. | Jefferson Seehorn.....M. 3d V. |
| Alfred Seehorn.....Scribe. | John F. Stewart.....M. 2d V. |
| J. H. Hughes.....Chaplain. | A. J. Miller .....M. 1st V. |
| James Pierce .....C. H. | Jacob Urech .....Secretary. |
| Chas. A. SeehornP. S. | Joseph SevierTreasurer. |
| John Fisher.....Tyler. | |

STATISTICS.

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| Members, 1869..... | 18 |
| Dimitted..... | 1 |
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| Members, 1870..... | 17 |

GIRARD CHAPTER, No. 132, GIRARD, MACOUPIN CO.

(Chartered October 9, 1868.)

Regular Convocations Thursday on or before the full moon.

OFFICERS.

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| Fountain JonesH. P. | John T. Holden.....R. A. C. |
| William E. Eastham.....King. | Thomas C. EntlerM. 3d V. |
| Christopher C. Armstrong.....Scribe. | L. Van Buskirk.....M. 2d V. |
| William C. Roach .....Chaplain. | Daniel Coltingham .....M. 1st V. |
| Andrew S. ArmstrongC. H. | Wm. Luther HedgesSecretary. |
| Alfred H. MagoonP. S. | James P. WileyTreasurer. |
| J. J. McPeakTyler. | |

STATISTICS.

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| Members, 1869..... | 27 |
| Exalted..... | 6 |
| | — 33 |
| Died | 1 |
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| Members, 1870..... | 32 |

WYOMING CHAPTER, No. 133, WYOMING, STARK CO.

(Chartered October 9, 1868.)

Regular Convocations second and fourth Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS.

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| J. W. Agard..... | H. P. | Samuel Wrigley..... | M. 3d V. |
| S. F. Otman..... | King. | William Holgate..... | M. 2d V. |
| H. M. Rogers | Scribe. | William Engleston | M. 1st V. |
| S. K. Connover..... | C. H. | John C. Copestake | Secretary. |
| J. M. Rogers..... | P. S. | John Wrigley | Treasurer. |
| J. Ellis..... | R. A. C. | Geo. W. Scott..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

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| Members, 1869..... | 21 |
| Exalted | 6 |
| Admitted | 1 |
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| Members, 1870..... | 28 |

LA HARPE CHAPTER, No. 134, LA HARPE, HANCOCK COUNTY.

(Chartered October 9, 1868.)

Regular Convocations Saturday after the full and new moon in each month.

OFFICERS.

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| James Mayor..... | H. P. | Oscar Bush..... | M. 3d V. |
| Jacob Ross..... | King. | Newton Bacon..... | M. 2d V. |
| John Miller..... | Scribe. | John Manifold..... | M. 1st V. |
| Abner Tuttle | C. H. | L. S. Cogswell | Secretary. |
| J. Brundage..... | P. S. | H. F. Blackman | Treasurer. |
| W. A. Piper | R. A. C. | J. W. Bray..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

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| Members, 1869..... | 24 |
| Exalted | 6 |
| Admitted..... | 1 |
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| Dimitted | 1 |
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| Members, 1870..... | 30 |

PERRY CHAPTER, No. 135, PERRY, PIKE COUNTY.

(Chartered October 8, 1869.)

Regular Convocations on or after every new moon.

OFFICERS.

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|----------------------|----------|---------------------------|------------|
| Harvey Dunn | H. P. | Monroe Yates..... | M. 3d V. |
| Jerome W. Rush..... | King. | Nathan W. Reynolds | M. 2d V. |
| Samuel T. Fagin..... | Scribe. | Allen C. Rush..... | M. 1st V. |
| John E. Morton..... | C. H. | Nicholas D. C. Hume | Secretary. |
| Albert B. Cary | P. S. | Elias F. Rush..... | Treasurer. |
| Elias F. Rush..... | R. A. C. | Ralph Bryant..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

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| Members, 1869..... | 19 |
| Exalted | 3 |
| Members, 1870..... | 22 |

VANDALIA CHAPTER, No. 136, VANDALIA, FAYETTE CO.

(Chartered October 8, 1869.)

Regular Convocations Thursday on or after the full moon.

OFFICERS.

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| Richard T. Higgins..... | H. P. | I. N. McCord | M. 3d V. |
| Simeon Perkins | King. | C. W. Higginbottom..... | M. 2d V. |
| Isaac Barnett | Scribe. | Theo. Cohn..... | M. 1st V. |
| Joseph Gordon..... | Chaplain. | H. F. Jerauld..... | Secretary. |
| B. F. Staunton..... | C. H. | C. A. Sonnemann..... | Treasurer. |
| Ed. J. Wahl..... | P. S. | F. B. Haller..... | Steward. |
| Owen Duffy..... | R. A. C. | Wilson Campbell | Steward. |
| W. W. Wall..... | | | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

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| Members, 1869..... | 28 |
| Dimitted | 1 |
| Members, 1870..... | 27 |

MT. STERLING CHAPTER, No. 137, MT. STERLING, BROWN COUNTY.

(Chartered October 8, 1869.)

Regular Convocations Thursday evening on or before the full moon.

OFFICERS.

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| A. A. Glenn..... | H. P. | Thos. W. Dunkerson..... | M. 3d V. |
| Levi Lusk..... | King. | Jonathan Dearborn | M. 2d V. |
| Peter Burns..... | Scribe. | Ambrose Pulman..... | M. 1st V. |
| Francis Keyser..... | C. H. | Jerome Ross | Secretary. |
| Jas. H. Smith..... | P. S. | James M. Rea | Treasurer. |
| Robert N. Clark..... | R. A. C. | Otis R. Brown..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

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| Members, 1869..... | 22 |
| Exalted | 9 |
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| Members, 1870..... | 31 |

KEDRON CHAPTER, No. 138, MT. AUBURN, CHRISTIAN COUNTY.

(Chartered October 8, 1869.)

Regular Convocations second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

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| Moses Stafford | H. P. | Jno. M. Hill | M. 3d V. |
| J. H. Lawrence | King. | Jno. Cole | M. 2d V. |
| T. J. Lorton | Scribe. | R. Kimball..... | M. 1st V. |
| J. L. Drennan..... | C. H. | Geo. E. Millan..... | Secretary. |
| Geo. A. Parish..... | P. S. | E. Sargeant | Treasurer. |
| R. James | R. A. C. | Jno. C. Paxton..... | Tyler. |

STATISTICS.

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| Members, 1869..... | 21 |
| Exalted..... | 6 |
| | — 27 |
| Dimitted..... | 1 |
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| Members, 1870..... | 26 |

LANARK CHAPTER, No. 139, LANARK, CARROLL CO.

(Chartered October 7, 1870.)

Regular Convocations second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

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|---------------------|-------|-------------------|------------|
| G. A. Smith..... | H. P. | D. W. Dame..... | Scribe. |
| Elijah Northey..... | King. | C. M. Myers | Secretary. |

STATISTICS.

Members, 1870..... 25

JERSEYVILLE CHAPTER, No. 140, JERSEYVILLE,
JERSEY COUNTY.

(Chartered October 7, 1870.)

Regular Convocations first Monday after the full moon.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|------------|
| Geo. L. Hassett..... | H. P. | Morris R. Locke | Scribe. |
| Robert M. Knapp | King. | Andrew Jackson..... | Secretary. |

STATISTICS.

Members, 1870..... 26

ASHLEY CHAPTER, No. 141, ASHLEY, WASHINGTON CO.

(Chartered October 7, 1870.)

Regular Convocations first Friday in each month.

OFFICERS.

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|-------------------------|-------|--------------------|------------|
| E. C. Pace..... | H. P. | J. P. Watson | Scribe. |
| J. P. M. Harrison | King. | C. E. Hammond..... | Secretary. |

STATISTICS.

Members, 1870..... 16

WILMINGTON CHAPTER, No. 142, WILMINGTON, WILL COUNTY.

(Chartered October 7, 1870.)

Regular Convocations first and third Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS.

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| Wm. H. Odell | H. P. | Alexander McIntosh..... | Scribe. |
| Frank Mitchell..... | King. | John H. Daniels..... | Secretary. |

STATISTICS.

Members, 1870..... 12

CHENOA CHAPTER, No. 143, CHENOA, McLEAN CO.

(Chartered, October 7, 1870.)

Regular Convocations first and third Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

| | | | |
|--------------------|-------|----------------------|------------|
| Louis Ziegler..... | H. P. | James Sample..... | Scribe. |
| R. C. Sallee..... | King. | Martin Shepherd..... | Secretary. |

STATISTICS.

Members, 1870..... 21

EVANSTON CHAPTER, No. 144, EVANSTON, COOK CO.

(Chartered October 7, 1870.)

Regular Convocations first and third Fridays in each month.

OFFICERS.

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|----------------------|-------|------------------------|------------|
| Orvis French..... | H. P. | Thos. A. Cosgrove..... | Scribe. |
| Chas J. Gilbert..... | King | Charles Raymond..... | Secretary. |

STATISTICS.

Members, 1870..... 18

ODELL CHAPTER, No. 145, ODELL, LIVINGSTON CO.

(Chartered October 7, 1870.)

Regular Convocations first and third Saturdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

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| Elisha Williams..... | H. P. | J. E. Williams | Scribe. |
| H. H. Hill..... | King. | Z. Suppler..... | Secretary. |

STATISTICS.

Members, 1870..... 16

REINSTATED.

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| Comp. R. M. Bishop..... | (3) | | July 11, 1870. |
| " D. M. Dungan..... | (30) | | January 18, 1870. |
| " J. S. Wilhite..... | (40) | | By Grand Lodge. |
| " J. B. Earl..... | (52) | ..... | April, 1870. |
| " C. L. Barber..... | (52) | ..... | April, 1870. |
| " A. H. Nichols..... | (71) | ..... | December 22, 1869. |
| " John P. Hely..... | (71) | ..... | February 18, 1870. |
| " C. W. Felter..... | (74) | ..... | January 28, 1870. |
| " Donatus Beiter..... | (84) | ..... | January 1, 1870. |
| " Daniel Rhinehart..... | (87) | | October 1, 1869. |
| " T. L. Thayer..... | (87) | | February 19, 1870. |
| " A. H. Seley..... | (93) | | October 19, 1869. |

DIED.

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|--------------------------|--------|-------|--------------------|
| Comp. N. C. Whitney..... | (1) | | October 5, 1869. |
| " P. A. Dorwin..... | (1) | | February 19, 1870. |
| " J. J. Davidson..... | (1) | | January 10, 1870. |
| " Frank J. Martin..... | (3 ) | ..... | April 21, 1870. |
| " Theodore Hobrecker | (5 ) | ..... | Not reported. |
| " Robert Campbell..... | (7 ) | ..... | August 18, 1870. |
| " George P. Lloyd..... | (7 ) | ..... | May 1, 1870. |
| " L. S. Nash..... | (7 ) | ..... | January 27, 1870. |
| " John C. Stephens..... | (7 ) | ..... | April 24, 1870. |
| " L. S. Coon..... | (8 ) | ..... | January, 1869. |
| " R. H. Cliff..... | (8 ) | ..... | September 2, 1869. |
| " S. A. Findley..... | (8 ) | ..... | March 21, 1870. |
| " H. N. Pierson..... | (8 ) | ..... | January 22, 1870. |
| " David Simms..... | (8 ) | ..... | March 4, 1870. |
| " William Kiersey..... | (15 ) | ..... | Not known. |
| " S. P. Camp..... | (19 ) | ..... | May 12, 1870. |
| " J. W. Kelley..... | (19 ) | ..... | Unknown. |
| " Homer Hatch..... | (21 ) | ..... | — —, 1868. |
| " J. E. L. Southgale.... | (24 ) | ..... | December 21, 1869. |
| " H. Wilkey..... | (25 ) | ..... | December 16, 1869. |
| " H. Vogle..... | (25 ) | ..... | September 1, 1870. |
| " Ira T. Phillips..... | (27 ) | ..... | Unknown. |
| " John C. Wilson..... | (27) | | September 9, 1869. |
| " J. R. Hoskin..... | (28) | | January 9, 1870. |
| " F. M. Blair..... | (32) | | — —, 1869. |
| " S. B. Ten Broeck.... | (32) | | May, 1870. |

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| Comp. N. P. Adams..... | (36) | | December 27, 1869. |
| " L. S. Church..... | (36) | | July 21, 1870. |
| " Samuel C. Walker... | (37) | | October 24, 1869. |
| " W. F. Murry..... | (41 ) | ..... | December 10, 1869. |
| " William Browne..... | (43 ) | ..... | November, 1869. |
| " James McCullough... | (44 ) | ..... | October 28, 1869. |
| " G. J. Bergen..... | (46 ) | ..... | February 27, 1870. |
| " N. C. Beasley..... | (50 ) | ..... | February, 1870 |
| " N. F. Webb..... | (51 ) | ..... | August 18, 1870. |
| " J. M. Comstock..... | (52 ) | ..... | March 28, 1870. |
| " Geo. W. Teel..... | (54 ) | ..... | September 19, 1869. |
| " Turner McKenzie... | (63 ) | ..... | September 18, 1869. |
| " Stephen G. Hicks... | (64 ) | ..... | December 15, 1869. |
| " J. A. Barnes..... | (68 ) | ..... | September 17, 1869. |
| " M. O'Riley..... | (69 ) | ..... | June, 1870. |
| " H. W. Taylor..... | (71 ) | ..... | October 31, 1869. |
| " E. W. Dunn..... | (71 ) | ..... | Unknown. |
| " H. Nickerson..... | (73 ) | ..... | May 13, 1870. |
| " A. L. Wheeler..... | (73 ) | ..... | April 9, 1870. |
| " James M. Goddard.. | (75 ) | ..... | June 27, 1870. |
| " Allen Stedman..... | (76 ) | ..... | July 22, 1870. |
| " B. F. Crow..... | (79 ) | ..... | June 20, 1870. |
| " James Monical..... | (81 ) | ..... | January 6, 1870. |
| " Wm. E. Hessey..... | (82 ) | ..... | —, —, —. |
| " Wm. Shaw..... | (82 ) | ..... | —, —, —. |
| " Oliver P. Steed..... | (83 ) | ..... | January 28, 1870. |
| " H. R. Cleaver..... | (86 ) | ..... | June 25, 1870. |
| " J. H. McGuire..... | (89 ) | ..... | June, 1870. |
| " W. H. Henry..... | (89 ) | ..... | March 18, 1869. |
| " H. W. Persing..... | (93 ) | ..... | June 23, 1870. |
| " John B. Perry..... | (99 ) | ..... | October 8, 1869. |
| " E. T. Wiley..... | (100 ) | ..... | May 2, 1870. |
| " Wm. Pollard..... | (101 ) | ..... | November 15, 1869. |
| " Dorice D. Shumway | (102 ) | ..... | May 8, 1870. |
| " E. T. Wilderman.... | (106 ) | ..... | September 22, 1869. |
| " Winston Mayo..... | (109 ) | ..... | February 3, 1870. |
| " John Winterowd.... | (109 ) | ..... | January 3, 1870. |
| " James M. Clark..... | (110 ) | ..... | February 20, 1870. |
| " H. M. Ayers..... | (112 ) | ..... | August 5, 1870. |
| " F. A. McPherson.... | (112 ) | ..... | May 1, 1870. |
| " W. A. Hanley..... | (113 ) | ..... | August 6, 1870. |
| " Isaac R. Brancher... | (121 ) | ..... | July 27, 1870. |
| " Obediah Eads..... | (123 ) | ..... | April 14, 1870. |
| " James B. Smith..... | (124 ) | ..... | December 30, 1870. |
| " H. Clapsaddle..... | (128) | | August 3, 1870. |
| " T. D. Jeffries..... | (132) | | December 29, 1869. |

SUSPENDED.

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| James H. Keeler..... | (2) | Sept., 1869, Wabansia Lodge, U. M. C. |
| James D. Paine..... | (2) | Ashlar Lodge, No. 308. |
| H. W. Hunt..... | (3) | January 20, 1870. |
| W. H. Snelling..... | (3) | Harmony Lodge, No. 3, N. P. D. |
| B. A. Carpenter..... | (8) | Lodge N. P. D. |
| C. D. Bartlett..... | (16) | April 13, 1870, N. P. D. |
| E. R. Spencer..... | (16) | April 13, 1870, N. P. D. |
| A. B. Bunn..... | (21) | May 9, 1870, Ionic Lodge, No. 312. |
| J. C. Benton..... | (21) | July 12, 1870, Macon Lodge, No. 8. |
| M. F. Kauen..... | (21) | July 12, 1870, Macon Lodge, No. 8. |
| George Hale..... | (22) | By Lodge, 1869. |
| Albert Jenks..... | (22) | By Lodge, 1869. |
| Charles Wagner..... | (22) | By Lodge, 1869. |
| H. P. Finnegan..... | (25) | |
| H. A. Little..... | (25) | |
| John D. McIntyre..... | (25) | |
| C. G. Whitney..... | (25) | |
| Wm. Rankin..... | (25) | |
| Z. K. Waldron..... | (28) | August 11, 1870, N. P. D. |
| Edward W. Allen..... | (30) | August 16, 1870, N. P. D. |
| Henry Ewing..... | (30) | August 16, 1870, N. P. D. |
| James Cunningham..... | (34) | By Lodge, for drunkenness. |
| M. M. Dill..... | (32) | By Lodge N. P. D. |
| Henry Tanner..... | (32) | By Lodge N. P. D. |
| T. C. W. Sale..... | (32) | By Lodge, for drunkenness. |
| James Quiet..... | (32) | Resolution No. 17. |
| S. Sanford..... | (32) | Resolution No. 17. |
| John Rawlston..... | (34) | May 20, 1870. |
| D. B. Abernathy..... | (35) | By Lodge. |
| C. M. Bosley..... | (35) | By Lodge. |
| John Brillhart..... | (38) | July 9, 1870, Olney Lodge, No. 140. |
| J. S. Wilhite..... | (40) | September 3, 1870, for drunkenness. |
| J. J. Petri..... | (40) | August 13, 1870, for drunkenness. |
| C. H. Gorlum..... | (40) | August 13, 1870, for drunkenness. |
| Walter W. Hasting..... | (41) | Aug. 15, 1870, by Waukegan Lodge, No. 78. |
| T. W. Steele..... | (43) | April 1, 1870. |
| Jonas Patrick..... | (43) | November 12, 1869. |
| J. R. Kiger..... | (45) | N. P. D. |
| Alanson Tucker..... | (50) | By Lodge. |
| S. Duffy..... | (52) | By Lodge. |
| Thomas J. Coznie..... | (54) | July 7, 1870, N. P. D. |
| H. H. Davis..... | (55) | August 10, 1870. |
| G. N. Galloway..... | (55) | August 10, 1870. |

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| M. L. Webster..... | (55) | August 10, 1870. |
| Mortimer Messler..... | (57) | December 1, 1869. |
| W. J. Hawthorn..... | (57) | December 1, 1869. |
| John King..... | (57) | September 7, 1870. |
| N. A. Hoyt..... | (64) | July 25, 1870, Marion Lodge, No. 130. |
| Benjamin Hickox..... | (66) | May 20, 1870, N. P. D. |
| A. C. Thayer..... | (66) | May 20, 1870, N. P. D. |
| W. A. Smith..... | (66) | June 3, 1870, N. P. D. |
| Selen Thayer..... | (66) | June 3, 1870, N. P. D. |
| F. H. Hall..... | (67) | July 12, 1870. |
| S. T. Wilson..... | (68) | By Lodge. |
| J. H. Anderson..... | (71) | November 16, 1869, N. P. D. |
| R. C. Cully..... | (71) | November 16, 1869, N. P. D. |
| F. F. Dunbar..... | (71) | November 16, 1869, N. P. D. |
| J. Farquher..... | (71) | November 16, 1869, N. P. D. |
| W. H. Castle | (71) | November 16, 1869, N. P. D. |
| J. Pillow..... | (71) | November 16, 1869, N. P. D. |
| J. A. Williamson..... | (71) | November 16, 1869, N. P. D. |
| J. Courtney..... | (71) | November 16, 1869, N. P. D. |
| A. H. Nichols..... | (71) | November 16, 1869, N. P. D. |
| E. J. Baris..... | (71) | November 16, 1869, N. P. D. |
| S. Jenkinson..... | (71) | November 16, 1869, N. P. D. |
| James Graham..... | (71) | November 16, 1869, N. P. D. |
| John Sailor..... | (71) | November 16, 1869, N. P. D. |
| J. P. Hely..... | (71) | November 16, 1869, N. P. D. |
| J. Summerwell..... | (71) | November 16, 1869, unmasonic conduct. |
| J. Cummings | (71) | June 13, 1870, unmasonic conduct. |
| Ellis B. Wood..... | (72) | October 25, 1870, unmasonic conduct. |
| Ambrose Kimborts..... | (76) | Dec. 16, 1869, by Mason Lodge, No. 217. |
| Washington Winterowd..... | (76) | Dec. 18, 1869, by Delia Lodge, No. 525. |
| G. W. Albion..... | (85) | July 28, 1870. |
| J. McDonald..... | (85) | August 3, 1870, N. P. D. |
| W. C. Thompson..... | (86) | September 2, 1870, N. P. D. |
| George W. Crane..... | (97) | January 14, 1870. |
| A. L. Knox..... | (99) | June 24, 1870, N. P. D. |
| F. Ketchum..... | (99) | June 24, 1870, N. P. D. |
| B. F. Scriven | (99) | June 24, 1870, N. P. D. |
| C. M. Wakefield..... | (109) | Noble Lodge, N. P. D. |
| A. L. Clary..... | (119) | May 14, 1870, Clinton Lodge, No. 19. |

EXPELLED.

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| John W. Lewis..... | (48) | July 25, 1870. |
| Jacob E. Peeler..... | (62) | |
| M. Shields..... | (69) | By Lodge. |
| G. Fisher..... | (69) | By Lodge. |
| E. W. Ingram..... | (83) | By Carmi Lodge, No. 272. |
| Richard Riley..... | (85) | Aug. 24, 1870, for drunkenness and swindling. |
| John G. Spencer..... | (92) | Jan 8, 1870, Ark and Anchor Lodge, No. 354. |
| G. W. Smith..... | (98) | By Horeb Lodge, No. 363. |
| Joseph G. Hough..... | (106) | April 23, 1870. |
| Henry C Smith..... | (107) | March 21, 1870, Sunbeam Lodge, No. 428. |

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The M. E. Grand Council of High Priests of the State of Illinois, convened, agreeably to the Constitution, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Chicago, on Thursday, the 6th day of October. A.D. 1870, A.L. 5870, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon, and opened in Ample Form.

PRESENT—OFFICERS.

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| M. E. Comp. | LOYAL L. MUNN, Freeport..... | <i>President.</i> |
| " " | WILEY M. EGAN, Chicago..... | <i>Vice President.</i> |
| " " | HARMON G. REYNOLDS, Springfield.... | <i>Chaplain P. T.</i> |
| " " | W. S. EASTON, Ottawa..... | <i>Herald P. T.</i> |
| " " | CHARLES FISHER, Springfield..... | <i>Steward.</i> |
| " " | JAMES H. MILES, Chicago..... | <i>Master of Ceremonies.</i> |
| " " | HIRAM W. HUBBARD, Centralia..... | <i>Conductor.</i> |
| " " | JAMES A. HAWLEY, Dixon..... | <i>Recorder.</i> |
| " " | E. BLACKSHAW, Urbana..... | <i>Tyler P. T.</i> |

And M. E. Companions Orlin H. Miner, 3; Sylvester Stevens, 68; Thomas J. Prickett, 75; W. H. House, 85; G. W. Culver, 107; C. A. Monk, 106; John W. Page, 110; Joseph B. Miles, 97; W. W. Fisher, 54; E. Kirkbride, 20; D. H. Morgan, 35; Wm. M. Avise, 5; H. F. Clarke, 37; Frederick Bell, 63; H. G. Dearborn, 72; W. H. Broadwell, 3; James Daley, 116; E. K. Conkling, 24; W. S. Pease, 93; L. J. Coulter, 14, Iowa; A. W. Blakesley, 5; J. R. Gorin, 21; J. E. Hardy, 8.

M. E. Comp. P. A. Bromfield, Vice President of the Grand Council of High Priests of Iowa, was received, and invited to a seat in the East.

The petitions of the following M. E. High Priests were presented and referred to M. E. Comps. Wiley M. Egan and James H. Miles, who reported favorably, and they were elected, admitted and anointed to the Order of High Priesthood, to-wit:

M. E. Comps. Geo. E. Monk, 62; L. M. Hillyer, 86; G. D. Hayden, 8; W. H. Taylor, 59; E. L. Marquis, 112; A. A. Glenn, 137; James Douglass, 103; H. C. Cleaveland, 18; L. Johnston, 115; J. F. Nash, 37; Samuel Brown, 2; A. R. H. Atkins, 43; J. H. Furman, 107; N. P. Robertson, 99; H. J. Dunlap, 50; J. J. Topliff, 10; T. P. Verkes, 15; A. S. Babcock, 14; W. F. Bromfield, 79; P. W. Barclay, 71; M. Henock, 22; B. F. Newland, 111; J. M. Morrell, 64; R. K. Hawley, 124; C. W. McLean, 3.

The petitions of M. E. Companions S. D. Kirkpatrick, 120; Ammi M. Bennett, 43; and A. W. Hitchcock, 2; were also received, and referred to M. E. Comps. Egan and Miles, who reported favorably, and the said Comps. were duly elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood.

On motion of M. E. Comp. J. H. Miles, it was ordered that the Records be so amended as to show that M. E. Comps. H. G. Dearborn and Reuben Cleveland received the Order of High Priesthood in this Grand Council of High Priests.

On motion of M. E. Comp. Egan, the Council proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in choice of the following M. E. Companions, and was so announced:

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| " " | JAMES A. HAWLEY..... | <i>Recorder.</i> |
| " " | CHARLES FISHER..... | <i>Steward.</i> |
| " " | JOHN M. PEARSON..... | <i>Tyler.</i> |

On motion of M. E. Comp. H. G. Reynolds, it was ordered that the names of all the members of this Grand Council be published with the proceedings.

On motion of M. E. Comp. H. G. Reynolds, it is ordered that the Recorder of this Grand Council be *ex-officio* Treasurer of this Grand Council.

The Most Excellent Grand Council of High Priests of the State of Illinois was then closed in Ample Form.

JAMES A. HAWLEY,

Recorder.

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ON MASONIC CORRESPONDENCE.

M. E. Comp. JAMES H. MILES, *Grand Secretary*, P.O. dr. 5984; E. Comps. H. G. REYNOLDS, and A. W. BLAKESLEY.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The twenty-second annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois, will be held in the city of Chicago, D. V., on Friday, the 6th day of October, A.D. 1871, A.I. 2401, at 9 o'clock A.M.

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PROCEEDINGS.

CHICAGO, ILL., Oct. 6, A. D. 1871, A. I. 2401.

The Twenty-Second Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois, convened at the Hall of Lafayette Chapter No. 2, in the city of Chicago, on Friday the 6th day of October A. D. 1871, A. I. 2401, at 10 o'clock A. M.

PRESENT:

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| M. E. Comp. | AUGUSTUS A. MURRAY..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| M. E. | " JAMES A. HAWLEY..... | <i>Deputy Grand High Priest.</i> |
| E. | " JAMES C. LUCKEY..... | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| E. | " GEORGE E. LOUNSBURY..... | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |
| M. E. | " JAMES H. MILES..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| E. | " HARRISON DILLS..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| E. | " A. P. FORSYTH..... | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| E. | " JOHN F. BURRILL..... | <i>Grand Captain Host, pro tem.</i> |
| E. | " WM. J. A. DELANCEY..... | <i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i> |
| E. | " HASWELL C. CLARKE..... | <i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i> |
| E. | " EDWARD BLACKSHAW..... | <i>Grand Master Third Veil.</i> |
| E. | " ARTHUR R. ATKINS..... | <i>Grand Master Second Veil.</i> |
| E. | " ABRAHAM SALLEE..... | <i>Grand Master First Veil.</i> |
| E. | " LOCKWOOD K. OSBORN..... | <i>Grand Steward.</i> |
| E. | " ARNOLD R. ROBINSON..... | <i>Grand Tyler.</i> |

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois was opened in ample form, the Throne of Grace being addressed by the Grand Chaplain.

On motion of M. E. Comp. J. A. Hawley :

Voted, That the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Grand Convocation be dispensed with (the printed proceedings being in the hands of the members present).

On motion of M. E. Comp. W. M. Egan :

Voted, That all Royal Arch Masons in good standing be invited to seats in this Grand Convocation, as visitors.

The Grand Secretary announced the appointment, by the Grand High Priest, of the following Standing Committees:

On Jurisprudence—M. E. Comps. John M. Pearson, Orlin H. Miner and Wiley M. Egan.

On Correspondence—M. E. Comp. James H. Miles, E. Comps. H. G. Reynolds and A. W. Blakesley.

On Credentials—E. Comps. O. B. Dodge, T. T. Oviatt and N. T. P. Robertson.

On Chartered Chapters—E. Comps. J. C. Smith, H. B. Pierce and S. J. Dodge.

On Chapters U. D.—E. Comps. H. W. Hubbard, W. A. Levanway and T. J. Whitehead.

On Accounts—E. Comps. Geo. W. Bright, G. L. Hassett and W. A. Pierce.

On Grievances—E. Comps. W. H. House, G. W. Hartman and Lee Smith.

On Charity—E. Comps. H. H. Glenn, A. S. Wilderman and W. M. Avise.

On Unfinished Business—E. Comps. C. F. Tenney, James Walker and Rodney Ashley.

On Address Grand High Priest—E. Comps. L. L. Munn, J. R. Gorin and Wilson Hoag.

On Visitors—E. Comps. Wm. Rounseville, Levi Lusk and C. C. Halladay.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint Comps. E. N. Tucker, Assistant Secretary, and A. S. Babcock, Railroad Clerk.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then delivered his Annual Address, which was, on motion of M. E. Comp. W. M. Egan, referred to the Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address.

ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Companions of the Grand Chapter of Illinois :

In the infinite mercy of Him who doeth all things well, who is good unto all, and whose tender mercies are over all His works, we are permitted again, upon the close of another Masonic year, to assemble within these walls and gather around our sacred altar and offer up to Him our tribute of thanksgiving and praise for the many and manifold blessings which have been showered upon us during the past year.

It is with unfeigned pleasure that I am able to assure you that, so far as my knowledge extends, the year now about closing has been one of great interest and prosperity to the Royal Craft, not only in this but throughout all our sister Grand Jurisdictions.

While we recognize the guiding hand of Almighty God, who has preserved and secured to us life, health and all other needed blessings, what can I say that will be more fitting than to enjoin upon you even a larger confidence in Him, and a renewed zeal in obedience to His laws.

We stand before the world in an important aspect. Intelligent, well-meaning men recognize in us and our Noble Fraternity no second rate moral power ; and while croakers and fogies are content to live within the limits of their own sordid and selfish aims and deeds, and to condemn whatever might help mankind to rise to better and nobler views of human life and destiny, the benedictions of the truly wise and good rest on our noble and glorious work.

And why should they not ? Our Banner floats on every breeze, bearing on its ample folds an influence sufficient to convince the wondering world that our motive is progress, growth, improvement, and that the welfare of an undivided and indivisible humanity is our noble inspiration.

Under Him who presides in the Grand East, we feel encouraged to go on to even grander achievements than those recorded in the past history of our Order.

With the most fertile soil in the world, the broadest prairies, the grandest commercial interests, the best schools, and the indomitable spirit of American people, who are always rushing to the accomplishment of impossibilities and solving problems before which the Old World stands in dumb amazement, who can conceive of the glorious future that awaits us.

Feeling assured that no good can be wholly lost, let the history of the past, together with the duties of the present, and bright hopes for the future, lead us manfully to the front of every moral and philanthropic enterprise.

During my service in the position with which you honored me one year ago, and which I am here to-day to yield up to my successor, it has been one of my earnest purposes to enforce by precept and example a due observance of our requirements of temperance in all things, and especially to discountenance every appearance of that great evil, which is desolating so many homes, ruining so many of earth's brightest intellectual jewels, and threatening even our national perpetuity ; and it gives me much satisfaction to be able to state to you, that throughout the length and breadth of this Grand Jurisdiction, there is a commendable improvement in this, and consequently every moral direction, and I rejoice to congratulate you upon the continued progress of our Order everywhere.

Under these very favorable circumstances, I thank God in your behalf, and invoke, with heartfelt reverence, a continuation of His guardian care.

A time-honored custom adopted by this Grand Body requires that, at the expiration of each Masonic year, the Grand High Priest should lay before you a full and complete report of his official acts, and the condition of the Royal Craft throughout this jurisdiction. In accordance with that requirement, I have the honor to report to you as follows :

My first official act was immediately after the close of this Grand Body at its last annual convocation, when I issued my proxies to certain worthy companions, they being designated by the Chapters themselves, to constitute and install the officers of the several Chapters chartered at the last annual convocation, returns of which have been made as follows :

Clark Chapter No. 29, by Comp. Hiram W. Hubbard, Nov. 1, 1870.

Ashley Chapter No. 140, by Comp. Hiram W. Hubbard, Oct. 20, 1870.

Jerseyville Chapter No. 139, by Comp. John M. Pearson, Oct. 21, 1870.

Janark Chapter No. 138, by Comp. E. L. Cronkrite, 1870.

Wilmington Chapter No. 141, by Comp. Chas. E. Gilbert, Oct. 28, 1870.

Chenoa Chapter No. 142, by Comp. John M. Stillwell.

Evanston Chapter No. 143, by Comp. A. W. Hitchcock.

Odell Chapter No. 144, by Comp. N. T. P. Robertson, Oct. 23, 1870.

It will be remembered that, at the last Convocation of this Grand Body, so much of the Report of the Committee on Chapter U. D. as related to the Companions applying for a Dispensation for a new Chapter in Chicago, was referred to the Grand High Priest, with power.

It was my wish that this matter should have been settled by the Grand Chapter at that time, believing then, as now, that this Grand Body in session is fully competent to settle all such questions, and certainly much better able to bear such responsibilities than any individual member.

Well knowing the impossibility of escaping censure from the disappointed party, I determined to pursue such a course as I believed was right and just to all, and such as would result in the greatest good to the Royal Craft.

Accordingly I withheld any action in the matter until I had an opportunity to visit the locality of the proposed new Chapter. I found there a good substantial building, safe and commodious rooms for holding meetings, with the necessary reception and ante-rooms, and located in the midst of a flourishing population. I also found a *host* of Royal Arch Masons residing within what would be the jurisdiction of the new Chapter, and who would be much better accommodated here than at any other Chapter, and, with but few exceptions, were anxious that the new Chapter should be organized.

I also found that the jurisdiction of the new Chapter would be such that it would be supplied with sufficient material to build up and sustain a good live Chapter, and the zeal manifested by those under whose control the Chapter would be, left not one single doubt in my mind as to the course I ought to pursue.

Accordingly, on the 16th day of November, A. D. 1870, I issued my Dispensation to Companion George F. Letz, and the requisite number of Companions, to form and open Union Park Chapter, in Chicago, Cook County.

I have issued other Dispensations as follows:

On the 16th day of November, A. D. 1870, upon the recommendation of Hutsonville Chapter No. 40, to James L. Waller, and a requisite number of Companions, to form and open Robinson Chapter, at Robinson, Crawford County.

On the 14th day of June, A.D. 1871, upon the recommendation of Mattoon Chapter No. 85, to James F. McCann, and the requisite number of Companions, to form and open Neogo Chapter, at Neogo, Cumberland County.

On the 17th day of June, A.D. 1871, upon the recommendation of Duquoin Chapter No. 44, to James W. Lemmon, and a requisite number of Companions, to form and open Pinkneyville Chapter, at Pinkneyville, Perry County.

On the 12th day of August, A. D. 1871, upon the recommendation of Nathan Whitney Chapter No. 129, to Wm. E. Thorpe, and a requisite number of Companions, to form and open Rock River Chapter, at Oregon, Ogle County.

In granting these dispensations I have endeavored to adhere strictly to the expressed wish of this Grand Body, as set forth in Resolution 9, believing it better to refuse the prayer of the petitioners than to grant Dispensation when the Officers chosen are unqualified and incompetent to creditably discharge their duties, or that there is reason to doubt their ability to sustain a successful Chapter.

I have received flattering accounts from these Chapters, with one exception, and I fully believe that such a report will be presented to this Grand Chapter from these new Chapters as will reflect credit upon their zeal and energy in the work of the Royal Craft.

The Committee on Chapters U. D. will pardon me if I urge upon them the importance of a thorough examination, not only of the "work brought up for their inspection," but to learn, as far as possible, the future prospects of each Chapter.

It was my pleasure to receive a cordial invitation from the High Priest of Lincoln Chapter to visit them, but owing to severe indisposition I was unable to accept it.

I learn that the new Chapter is in a prosperous condition, and, I doubt not, will apply for a charter at this present Convocation.

Special Dispensations have been granted as follows :

To Louisville Chapter No. 81, to hold an Election of Officers on the 11th day of November, A. D. 1870. The time prescribed in their By-Laws passed without an election, November 7th, A. D. 1870.

To Mason Chapter No. 76, November 18, 1870, to hold an Election of Officers other than the time prescribed in their By-Laws, to-wit, on the 26th day of November, A. D. 1870.

To Cement Chapter No. 58, January 5, 1871, to hold an Election of Officers on the 21st day of January, 1871, the time, as specified in their By-Laws, having expired.

To Cairo Chapter No. 71, February 10, 1871, to hold a special Convocation to elect and install their Secretary, the Secretary elect, owing to other duties, not being able to attend to the duties of Secretary.

To Mound Chapter No. 74, March 18, 1871, to hold special Convocation to install the Officers, the time prescribed in their By-Laws for said installation having expired ; the High Priest elect being absent at the time said installation should have taken place.

To Havanna Chapter No. 86, March 23, 1871, to spread the Ballot a second time, upon a Petition which had been rejected.

To Cairo Chapter No. 71, April 23, to spread the Ballot upon sundry Petitions, and confer the Chapter Degrees in a less time than their By-Laws allow.

On the 10th day of November, A. D. 1870, I received a communication from the Officers and Members of Harmony Chapter No. 35, setting forth the fact that their Charter was missing, either lost or mislaid, and that they were at a "Stand-still," so far as business or work was concerned, and asking relief from their present embarrassment. Accordingly I issued to them my Special Dispensation, authorizing them to open and close their Chapter, and to transact business and

work until the next regular meeting of the Grand Chapter, unless their Charter should be sooner restored.

On the 10th day of March, A. D. 1871, I received a communication from the High Priest of Chenoa Chapter No. 142, stating that on the 5th inst. their Lodge Room and nearly all the furniture, clothing and jewels, together with their Charter, was destroyed by fire, and that they were desirous of continuing their labors. I immediately issued a Special Dispensation, empowering them to hold their Convocations for business and work until such time as a new Charter could be furnished them, or until the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

On the 8th day of May last I received a letter from Companion H. W. Johnson, of Duquoin Chapter No. 44, stating that two years had elapsed since an Election of Officers had been held or any work done; that the then principal Officers of the Chapter had moved beyond the jurisdiction of the Chapter. He thought that if an Election of Officers could be held, new life would be infused into the Chapter, and they would be able to rise from out the dust in which they had been so long groveling.

In view of the above facts, and believing that it is always better to try to build up than to destroy, I issued my Special Dispensation to Duquoin Chapter No. 44, for the purpose as stated above.

To Mount Pulaski Chapter No. 121, to confer the Royal Arch Degree at a time sooner than their By-Laws would allow.

To Rock River Chapter U. D., September 7, 1871, to receive and act upon Petition, spread the Ballot, and confer the Degree in less time than they would otherwise be allowed.

To Keystone Chapter No. 54, September 11, 1871, to receive petition, spread the Ballot, and confer the several Degrees in a less time than is prescribed in their By-Laws.

The amount received for these Special Dispensations will be found in my account herewith rendered.

I would most respectfully and earnestly renew the recommendation of my predecessor, that some definite and effective action be had by this Grand Chapter in reference to granting Dispensations, and to affix the fees for the same.

The matter of Hope Chapter U. D., at Farmer City, was, at the last Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, referred to the Grand High Priest, with power. As I understood their case, all that was necessary to be done was to adjust the claims of some Companions of Hope Chapter U. D., who had advanced the necessary amounts to organize their Chapter.

Owing to the prospect of a speedy increase of the population of Farmer City, I deferred any action in the matter, in the early part of the year, in the hope that the Companions there, seeing the improvement in their circumstances, would be induced to apply for a renewal of their Dispensation.

After the action of the M. W. Grand Master in arresting the Charter of their Lodge, I concluded to refer the matter back to the Grand Chapter, with the recommendation that the Grand High Priest be authorized to draw upon the Grand Treasury for a sum equal to the amounts expended by said Companions in organizing their Chapter, and that the Grand High Priest pay the amount so drawn out to those Companions.

About the first days of August last I received a communication from Companions at Batavia, who were desirous of forming a new Chapter at that place, and stating that they had sent a petition to Fox River Chapter No. 14, for their recommendation; that said recommendation had been granted by Fox River Chapter, and immediately a motion was made to reconsider, pending which the High Priest postponed further action until the next regular meeting.

Immediately following I received several communications from Companions at Batavia and St. Charles, in reference to the action of the Chapter.

Such was the conflict of opinions in regard to the proceedings, that on the 12th day of August I wrote to Companion A. S. Babcock, High Priest of No. 14, for the Records of the Chapter, which he forwarded to me forthwith. He also sent me a letter setting forth some facts in regard to the petition for recommendation of which I was not aware, which, together with the record of the meetings, influenced my action in the case; and that you may fully understand the matter, and see the cause of my deciding as I did, I herewith append a copy of the records, so far as they relate to the petition for recommendation.

While I entertain no doubt of the purity of the motive prompting the Companions at Batavia to seek to establish a new Chapter among them—for it is true that they are subject to great inconvenience in attending the meeting of their Chapter at St. Charles—yet I fear that the course pursued by them in order to succeed with their petition, at that time, was not strictly in accordance with the teachings of our time-honored institution, and believing, as I did, that granting the prayer of the petition at that time would be disastrous to the best interests of the petitioners, and of Fox River Chapter, I therefore ordered the High Priest of Fox River Chapter No. 14, to discontinue further proceedings in the matter, and to expunge from the Records so much as related to the Petition for Recommendation for a new Chapter at Batavia.

From the number of communications received during the year from High Priests of Chapters within this jurisdiction, upon the subject of Grand Inspector, I am strengthened in my already firm belief in the absolute necessity for such an Officer for this Jurisdiction, whose duty it shall be to visit every Chapter, examine the work and records, and, if found incorrect, correct them. I believe in the principle that if work is worth doing at all it is worth doing well, and in this way alone can we accomplish that which is so desirable to every true lover of Royal Arch Masonry. The expense would be trifling in proportion to the amount of good that would accrue to the several Chapters; and from the fact that those Chapters who need the assistance of an Inspector most are the least able to pay the expense, I would recommend that all the expenses, except traveling fees and board, be paid out of the Treasury of this Grand Chapter, and that each Chapter receiving the services of such an Inspector shall pay all other necessary expenses, thereby making the burden to each comparatively light.

The General Grand Chapter of the United States convened in Baltimore on the 19th day of September, A. I. 2401, A. D. 1871.

Thirty-one States were represented, many of them sending a full representation. Your own was represented by the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest by proxy, and the Excellent Grand King.

The short time since the closing of that Grand Body, and the assembling of our own Grand Chapter, will not permit me to lay before you any extended remarks upon the doings of the General Grand Body, and I believe the Companions will excuse me, under the circumstances, for my seemingly short-coming in that matter.

The following are the names of the Officers elect for the ensuing triennial term :

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| M. E. Comp. | J. H. DRUMMOND, Maine..... | <i>General Grand High Priest.</i> |
| " | " E. H. ENGLISH, Arkansas..... | <i>Deputy Grand High Priest.</i> |
| " | " CHAS. H. OHR, Maryland..... | <i>General Grand King.</i> |
| " | " CHAS. MARSH, California..... | <i>General Grand Scribe.</i> |
| " | " JOHN McCLELLAND, Mass..... | <i>General Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| " | " C. G. FOX, New York..... | <i>General Grand Secretary.</i> |
| " | " JOSEPH GATES, Wisconsin..... | <i>General Gr. Captain of Host.</i> |
| " | " D. C. DAWKINS, Florida..... | <i>General Gr. R. A. Captain.</i> |

The Special Committee to whom was referred the General Grand High Priest's Address, reported the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the use of substitutes is not a violation of the Ritual of R. A. Masonry delivered to a High Priest, and that substitutes may be authorized by Grand Chapters working under this Jurisdiction.

Resolved, That while such is the interpretation of the Ritual and installation charges by this Grand Body, Chapters are fraternally and earnestly urged to use full classes, except in cases of extreme emergency, which resolutions were adopted.

It may be deemed out of place for me, young as I am in Masonic years and experience, to take issue with the Honorable Companions ; nevertheless, I am compelled by my own conviction of right to hold, as I ever have, that the using of substitutes is in direct violation of our Ritual, and that no such emergency can exist as will justify any High Priest in a violation of his obligation ; and not until our Ritual is modified so as to conform to the meaning and intent of these Resolutions shall I feel justified in using substitutes, or consenting to their being used, and I hope that this Grand Chapter will not adopt the spirit of the Resolution.

The question as to what the G. O. R. A. word is, was discussed at great length by many Companions, among whom I will mention Companions Pike, Mackey, Drummond, Ohr and Lockwood, who are noted for their great ability and extensive Masonic knowledge.

It was finally decided the one now mainly used in this Jurisdiction, which is composed of three syllables, is the true G. O. R. A. word.

The proposed amendment to the Constitution, which was made at the last Convocation, to strike out all relating to the Past Master Degree, was taken up, and a lengthy, very able and intelligent discussion was had, and upon a vote by the Chapter the amendment was not concurred in.

A further amendment to the Constitution was taken up and carried by unani-

mous vote, that all Past Grand High Priests become members of and are entitled to seats in the General Grand Chapter.

A Committee of Five was appointed to prepare suitable By-Laws and Rules of Order for the General Grand Chapter, and to report the same at the Triennial Session. On motion, it was resolved that each Grand Chapter be requested to contribute, as soon as possible, the sum of one cent per annum, annually, for each member upon its roll, as a fund for the contingent expenses of the General Grand Chapter, which was adopted. It was decided by a vote that the next Triennial Session of the General Grand Chapter be held at Nashville, Tennessee, on the last Tuesday in November, 1874.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, with the amendments adopted at the present session, be reprinted (correctly), with the proceedings, under the supervision of the General Grand Council.

Resolved, That the General Grand Chapter furnish a copy of its proceedings, in future, and as full a set of proceedings for the past as possible, to the Congressional Library at Washington.

Resolved, That the General Grand Chapter request the State Grand Chapters to supply the Congressional Library at Washington with copies of their future proceedings, and, also, as full a set of the past proceedings as possible.

It will be remembered that at the last Annual Convocation of this Grand Body, the Representatives to the General Grand Chapter were instructed to vote for the dissolution of that Body.

Your Representatives are of the opinion that if they had been aware of the true state of feeling existing in the different Grand Chapters, such instructions would not have been given.

It was represented to this Grand Chapter that a large number of the States were favorable and pledged to vote for such dissolution—that already a large number of States had seceded, and but the fewest number acknowledged the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

Your Representatives now have the pleasure of reporting to this Grand Body that a different feeling exists; that, as before stated, thirty-one States were represented in the General Grand Chapter, leaving but six States of this great Republic unrepresented.

Two of those, who had formally passed the act of secession, have since repented of their sins and have knocked at the door of the General Grand Body for re-admission, viz., Vermont and Iowa, presenting such testimonials of their willingness and determination in the future to bear true allegiance to that Body, that they were received with open arms and made welcome to their Father's house.

The State of Florida has also been added to the already large constellation of States, avowing her allegiance and support to the said Grand Body.

The good feeling and unanimity manifested upon the occasion was such as to impress upon the minds of your Representatives that great good would result to Royal Arch Masonry by the continued existence of the General Grand Body, and

that the only reason which has prompted the action of the several State Grand Bodies, against this Grand Body, was that they did not fully understand the relation existing, or that should exist, between this General Grand Body and the several State Grand Bodies; and to more fully substantiate this fact, I have taken the liberty to extract the following from the General High Priest's Address, delivered upon that occasion. He says —

“The reasons given for dissolving the General Grand Bodies are, that it has not the power that ought to be exercised by a governing body; and, on the other hand, that necessary power cannot be given it lest it exercise them to the detriment of the privilege of the several State Grand Bodies; neither argument is good.

“If this General Grand Body has not the power which it ought of right to have, the reason is, that a majority of the Representatives have not been willing to accord that power.

“What reason may have led to this determination is not for me to say, but certain it is that under the Constitution, as we read it, the State Grand Chapters have, by the acts of their Representatives, brought about the position we now occupy.

“And it follows that if this Grand Body ought to exercise other powers than that defined in its present Constitution, that it only remains for its constituents to signify that fact by a proper amendment to the Constitution.

“If, on the other hand, it be seriously held that this General Grand Chapter cannot be trusted with such an enlargement of its powers as will enable it to govern the Royal Craft and maintain its present standing without detriment to the interests of the State Grand Bodies, then some other cause than a supposed disposition to do wrong ought to be allowed.”

He further says —

“That if you cannot trust yourselves in Triennial Convocation, how can you do so when separated and under the influence of your several State interests? If you cannot, under this organization, consider and act upon the interests of the Royal Craft itself, and apart from all other considerations, how shall you, when disintegrated and resolved into separate elements, evade the jealousies and opposition which will naturally grow out of your new position, when every State Grand Chapter will naturally be antagonistic of every other, and when each will seek to exercise the power now operated as the will of the whole.”

I conceive the reasons adduced by the General Grand High Priest are worthy of great consideration, and to me they are conclusive, and I can but express the hope that this Grand Chapter will heartily indorse the views of the General Grand High Priest, and that the existence of the General Grand Chapter may be co-equal with the existence of Royal Arch Masonry in the United States.

And now, Companions of the Royal Craft, the index-finger upon the great dial-plate of Time marks the hour when another Masonic year is numbered with the past, and admonishes me that the time is at hand when I shall return to you the Emblem of Authority with which you so highly honored me one year ago, and for which honor I am sincerely grateful.

I deem it no egotism to say that, with the pride I have entertained in wielding it, I have continually mingled an earnest desire to acquit myself as a workman

who need not be ashamed of his work. How well I have succeeded in my earnest efforts remains for you, not me, to say.

In retiring from this high position, it is with a consciousness of having, to the best of my ability, served you faithfully. The kind and fraternal feelings which have characterized the intercourse between the officers and members of this Grand Chapter and myself, during the past year, will ever be to me a pleasing recollection, and one that, in the future, I shall look back upon as one of the brightest years of my life. And that Heaven's choicest blessings may ever rest upon you all, is my ardent prayer.

And when the Grand High Priest of the Universe shall declare the term of our earthly pilgrimage ended, and we shall be summoned from our labors here below, may it be to an everlasting refreshment in His paradise above.

A. A. MURRAY,

Grand High Priest.

E. Comp. James C. Luckey, from the Committee appointed at the last Annual Convocation, to procure a suitable testimonial to be presented to M. E. Comp. John M. Pearson, P. G. H. P., offered the following

REPORT.

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois :

Your Committee appointed at the last Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter to procure and present to Most Excellent Companion John M. Pearson, a suitable testimonial of the appreciation by this Grand Body of his services as Grand High Priest thereof, beg leave to report that they have discharged the duty assigned them, and have said testimonial now ready for formal presentation.

W. M. EGAN,
H. G. REYNOLDS, } *Committee.*
JAS. C. LUCKEY, }

which was, on motion, received and the Committee discharged; whereupon the testimonial was presented in a few feeling and appropriate remarks by E. Comp. H. G. Reynolds, responded to in like manner by M. E. Comp. Jno. M. Pearson.

Comp. Orris B. Dodge from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which, after correction, was, on motion, received and adopted :

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois :

The Committee on Credentials fraternally report that the following Most Excellent and Excellent Companions are entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter :

OFFICERS.

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| M. E. Comp. | AUGUSTUS A. MURRAY | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| M. E. | " JAMES A. HAWLEY | <i>Deputy Grand High Priest.</i> |
| " | " JAMES C. LUCKEY | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| " | " GEORGE E. LOUNSBURY | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |
| " | " HARRISON DILLS | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| M. E. | " JAMES H. MILES | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| " | " A. P. FORSYTH | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| " | " JOHN F. BURRILL | <i>Grand Captain of the Host, pro tem.</i> |
| " | " WM. J. A. DELANCY | <i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i> |
| " | " HASWELL C. CLARKE | <i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i> |
| " | " EDWARD BLACKSHAW | <i>Grand Master Third Veil.</i> |
| " | " ARTHUR R. ATKINS | <i>Grand Master Second Veil.</i> |
| " | " ABRAHAM SALLEE | <i>Grand Master First Veil.</i> |
| " | " LOCKWOOD K. OSBORN | <i>Grand Steward.</i> |
| " | " ARNOLD R. ROBINSON | <i>Grand Tyler.</i> |

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

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| M. E. Comp. | LEVI LUSK | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| " | " HIRAM W. HUBBARD | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| " | " WILEY M. EGAN | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| " | " LOYAL L. MUNN | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| " | " ORLIN H. MINER | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| " | " JOHN M. PEARSON | <i>Past Grand High Priest.</i> |
| " | " ASA W. BLAKESLEY | <i>Past Deputy Grand High Priest.</i> |
| E. | " THOMAS J. WADE | <i>Past Grand King.</i> |

REPRESENTATIVES.

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| 1 | John F. Burrill.....H. P. | 21 | John Quinlan*.....H. P. |
| 2 | T. T. Oviatt*.....K. | | J. R. Gorin*.....K. |
| 3 | A. Boungard.....H. P. | 22 | James Walker.....H. P. |
| 4 | J. C. McMutry.....H. P. | | A. Baur*.....S. |
| 5 | G. M. Evatt.....H. P. | 23 | S. H. Polly*.....H. P. |
| | A. Demaree.....K. | 24 | E. K. Conkling.....H. P. |
| 7 | Wm. Rounseville.....H. P., *K. & S. | | F. H. Austin*.....K. |
| 8 | J. E. Hardy.....H. P. | 26 | Lee Smith.....H. P. |
| | Thomas Hyndman*.....S. | 27 | T. J. Stevens*.....H. P. |
| 10 | S. R. Gray.....K. | 28 | J. H. Faucett*.....H. P. |
| 11 | Charles Heinz.....K. | | L. R. Jerome*.....S. |
| | James Doyle.....S. | 29 | Chas. F. Norton*.....K. |
| 12 | C. R. Dunning.....H. P. | 30 | D. D. Dunkle.....H. P. |
| 13 | Charles Shultz*.....H. P. | | M. L. Stansbury*.....K. |
| 14 | A. S. Babcock.....H. P. | | A. H. Swain*.....S. |
| 15 | T. P. Yerkes.....H. P. | 31 | E. T. Hopkins*.....H. P. |
| 16 | Joseph Holland.....H. P. | 32 | J. M. Bell.....H. P. |
| 17 | H. G. Calhoun*.....H. P. | 33 | J. W. Batcheler*.....H. P. |
| 18 | H. C. Cleveland.....H. P. | 35 | N. D. Huff.....H. P. |
| 19 | R. D. Hammond*.....H. P. | 36 | Leander Church*.....H. P. |
| 20 | H. S. Jacob*.....H. P. | 37 | T. J. Wade.....H. P. |

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| | W. I. Easton*.....K. | 92 | Daniel Wadsworth*.....H. P. |
| 38 | G. D. Slanker.....H. P. | 93 | W. J. A. Delancy.....H. P. |
| 40 | J. M. Lowe*.....H. P. | 94 | G. W. Hartman.....H. P. |
| 41 | D. Brewster.....H. P. | 95 | J. W. Semple*.....H. P. |
| 43 | A. R. Atkins.....H. P. | 97 | J. B. Miles.....H. P. |
| | J. H. Sanborn.....K. | 98 | J. M. Corey.....K. |
| 44 | J. Messmore*.....H. P. | 99 | N. T. P. Robertson.....H. P. |
| 45 | C. Kirkpatrick.....H. P. | | Henry Remington*.....K. |
| 46 | W. Livingston.....H. P. | 100 | C. M. Edwards.....H. P. |
| 47 | Charles Trowbridge.....H. P. | 101 | W. H. Scott.....H. P. |
| 48 | Charles Watts*.....H. P. | | J. E. Roberts.....K. |
| 49 | Morris Holcomb.....H. P. | 103 | James Douglass.....H. P. |
| 50 | H. J. Dunlap.....H. P. | 104 | Jacob Hazlett*.....K. |
| 52 | S. O. Vaughn.....H. P. | 105 | F. W. Byers.....H. P. |
| | P. W. Vaughn.....K. | | S. J. Dodds*.....K. |
| | A. E. Atwood.....S. | 106 | A. S. Wilderman.....H. P. |
| 53 | F. A. Steward.....H. P. | 107 | J. H. Furman.....H. P. |
| 54 | W. E. Ginther*.....H. P. | 108 | R. H. Adams*.....H. P. |
| 56 | Orris B. Dodge.....H. P. | 109 | S. Johnson.....H. P. |
| 58 | J. B. Peckham*.....H. P. | 110 | John W. Page.....H. P. |
| 59 | J. Fredenstein*.....H. P. | 111 | B. Mendenhall.....H. P. |
| 60 | R. C. Hattenhauer*.....H. P. | | B. F. Newlon.....K. |
| 61 | J. H. Mowry*.....H. P. | 112 | E. L. Marquis.....H. P. |
| 63 | I. H. Shimer.....H. P. | 113 | Wilson Hoag.....K. |
| 64 | J. M. Morrow.....H. P. | 114 | D. Morgan.....H. P. |
| 65 | W. A. Pierce.....H. P. | 115 | S. W. Bird.....H. P. |
| 66 | R. C. Sloan.....H. P. | 116 | Jas. Davis.....H. P. |
| | E. B. Cannon.....S. | 117 | F. J. Filbert.....H. P., *K. & S. |
| 67 | H. T. Bridges*.....H. P. | 118 | N. Michael.....H. P. |
| 68 | S. Stevens.....H. P. | 119 | John Bennet*.....H. P. |
| 69 | J. Woodman.....K. | 121 | J. H. Toole.....H. P. |
| 70 | J. C. Bryan.....K. | 122 | T. J. Whitehead.....H. P. |
| 71 | M. L. Dunning*.....H. P. | 124 | R. K. Hawley.....H. P. |
| 72 | H. G. Dearborn.....H. P. | 125 | W. H. Brown.....K. |
| 73 | P. T. Parkhurst.....H. P. | 126 | J. E. Church.....H. P. |
| 74 | J. W. Morris.....H. P. | 127 | Wm. Aldrich.....H. P. |
| 75 | Thos. J. Prickett.....H. P. | | W. A. Stevens.....K. |
| 76 | Oliver Jones*.....H. P. | | Geo. T. Williams.....S. |
| 77 | J. B. Samuels*.....H. P. | 128 | Peter Cofer*.....H. P. |
| 78 | J. B. Hatch*.....H. P. | 129 | H. H. Glenn.....H. P. |
| 79 | W. F. Bromfield.....H. P. | 130 | James Thompson.....H. P. |
| 80 | E. Blackshaw.....H. P. | 132 | F. Jones.....H. P. |
| 81 | S. R. Apperson*.....H. P. | 133 | J. W. Agard.....H. P. |
| 82 | John P. Norrell*.....H. P. | 135 | N. D. C. Hume*.....H. P. |
| 83 | T. W. Hay.....H. P. | 136 | E. L. Wahl.....H. P. |
| 84 | G. W. Staley.....H. P. | 137 | A. A. Glenn.....H. P. |
| 85 | W. H. House.....H. P. | | Levi Lusk.....K. |
| 86 | L. M. Hillyer.....H. P. | 138 | R. Kimball.....S. |
| | W. Taggart.....K. | 139 | G. A. Smith.....H. P. |
| 87 | T. A. Brown.....H. P. | 140 | G. L. Hassett.....H. P. |
| 88 | E. J. Wike*.....H. P. | 141 | E. C. Pace.....H. P. |
| 89 | J. H. Lowe.....H. P. | 145 | J. E. Williams.....H. P. |
| 90 | J. B. Mulliken.....H. P. | | |

Those marked * are proxies.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

ORRIS B. DODGE,
 TRACY T. OVIATT,
 N. T. P. ROBERTSON, } Committee.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary presented their annual accounts, which were, on motion of Comp. H. G. Reynolds, referred to the Committee on Finance.

M. E. Comp. L. L. Munn, from the Committee on the Address of Grand High Priest, presented the following Report, which was, on motion, received, and the resolutions, as appended, adopted :

REPORT—GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, would most respectfully report, that they congratulate the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois, upon its continued prosperity. That the Address is an able document, and beautifully presents many wholesome truths worthy of our consideration. It demonstrates that the M. E. Grand High Priest was well qualified for, and has nobly performed, the duties of the high and responsible position to which he was called by his companions.

There are but few things that require extended notice. We recommend that the portion of said Address referring to Chapters U. D. be referred to the Committee on Chapters U. D.

Your Committee agree with the Grand High Priest in regard to the granting of Special Dispensations, and would recommend that in all cases a fee of five dollars be charged for each Special Dispensation to receive and act upon a petition or confer the degrees without regard to time ; and that a fee of two dollars be charged for all Special Dispensations granted for any other purpose.

That so much of said Address as relates to Hope Chapter U. D. be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Your Committee fully concur with the opinions of our M. E. Grand High Priest in regard to the use of substitutes. We consider the use of substitutes as a violation of our Ritual and obligations, and a direct violation of Resolution No. 20, adopted at the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter in 1866.

Your Committee would recommend that suitable measures be taken to comply with the resolution adopted by the General Grand Chapter, calling upon the State Grand Chapters for a tax of one cent per member, to defray the expenses of said General Grand Chapter.

Your Committee heartily concur with the opinions expressed by our Most Excellent Grand High Priest in relation to the continuance of the General Grand Chapter.

Your Committee would offer the following resolution, and move its adoption :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter be instructed to supply the Congressional Library at Washington with copies of our future Annual Proceedings, and also with as full a set of past Proceedings as possible, in con-

formance with the resolution adopted by the General Grand Chapter, at its last Triennial Session.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

L. L. MUNN,
WILSON HOAG, } *Committee.*
J. R. GORIN,

The M. E. Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshments, until 2 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 1-2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was called to labor in form.

Present: M. E. Comp. A. A. Murray, G. H. P., Officers and Representatives as in the morning.

E. Comp. W. S. Combs, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, was announced and introduced by a committee of the Grand Chapter, consisting of Comps. H. G. Reynolds, J. M. Pearson and L. L. Munn.

Comp. Asa W. Blakesley presented his credentials as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, near the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois, when, on motion, he was received and accredited as such representative.

The Grand Secretary presented the following communication from Chicago Chapter No. 127, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, viz. :

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois :

Upon a petition presented to M. E. Jas. H. Miles, when he was Deputy Grand High Priest, a Dispensation was granted by him, dated 17th of February, A. D. 1868, A. I. 2398, to certain Companions to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to be called Home Chapter ; and among the Companions who signed the petition for said Dispensation were Companions W. H. Boomer, M. A. Thayer and G. N. Houghton (whose names are in the Dispensation and in the Charter subsequently granted), formerly members of Corinthian Chapter R. A. M. No. 69. And whereas, Corinthian Chapter No. 69 R. A. M., and the said new Chapter of R. A. M. (now known as Chicago Chapter No. 127 R. A. M.), have continued since the granting of the Charter and opening of said Chicago Chapter No. 127 R. A. M., on the 17th of October, 1868, to claim the three said Companions as members,

and each claiming dues from said Companions; it is therefore desired that the Grand Chapter decide to which Chapter these three Companions belong.

All of which is fraternally submitted by order of Chicago Chapter No. 127 R. A. M. by their Representatives in Grand Chapter.

WM. ALDRICH, *H. P.*

W. G. STEVENS, *King.*

GEO. T. WILLIAMS, *Scribe.*

J. C. McCORD, *Secretary.*

M. E. Comp. Hiram W. Hubbard, from the Committee on Chapters U. D., presented the following Report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

REPORT—CHAPTERS U. D.

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois :

The Committee on Chapters U. D. respectfully report that they have examined the Returns, Work, and By-Laws of such Chapters as have been submitted to them, and the statements, recommendations and statistics set down in the following pages are submitted as the result of their labors :

Your Committee would recommend that a Charter issue to Harmony Chapter No. 35, without fee, in lieu of their original Charter lost, in accordance with a petition presented by the members of said Chapter, in the hands of the Committee.

Edwardsville.—Continued from last year. We find their records well kept. By-laws in keeping with this Grand Chapter. Their returns correct. Fees and dues paid.

Lincoln.—Dispensation issued by order of Grand Chapter. Their records, by-laws and returns are in good order. Fees and dues paid.

Union Park.—We find correct, except in M. E. M. Degree, the word accepted, which should be acknowledged.

Robinson.—Your Committee take pleasure in referring to the records of this Chapter, which are a model for form and neatness to all Secretaries. Their by-laws are voluminous. Returns correct. Fees and dues paid.

Neoga.—The records of this Chapter are somewhat irregular. The returns are incomplete. Their fees and dues are paid. Your Committee would recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to return the report, with instructions to fill up the occupation of the candidates who have passed the several Degrees.

Rock River.—This Chapter has failed to copy the Dispensation in their records. Their records do not show that a P. M. Lodge was opened when the Degree was conferred, the work having been done in a Convocation of Masons, a body unknown to this Grand Chapter. In other respects, their records, returns and by-laws are correct, and fees paid.

Pinkneyville Chapter U. D. has made no return. Your Committee would recommend that the Dispensation be continued.

The Committee recommend that Charters be granted as follows:
 To Edwardsville Chapter, as Edwardsville Chapter No. 146, at Edwardsville.
 To Lincoln Chapter, as Lincoln Chapter No. 147, at Lincoln.
 To Union Park Chapter, as Union Park Chapter No. 148, at West Chicago.
 To Robinson Chapter, as Robinson Chapter No. 149, at Robinson.
 To Neoga Chapter, as Neoga Chapter No. 150, at Neoga.
 To Rock River Chapter, as Rock River Chapter No. 151, at Oregon.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| NAMES OF CHAPTERS. | Dues. | Charter Fees. | No. of Members. | PRESENT CONDIT'N. | | | | Rejected. | DEGREES CONFERRED. | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|-----------|--------------------|------------|-----------|----------|--------|
| | | | | No. P. M. | No. M. E. M. | No. R. A. M. | Total. | | Marked. | Installed. | Received. | Exalted. | Total. |
| Edwardsville | \$11 00 | \$10 00 | 22 | .. | 2 | 22 | 24 | .. | 14 | 14 | 14 | 12 | 54 |
| Lincoln | 11 50 | 10 00 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 25 | 27 | 4 | 17 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 65 |
| Union Park | 26 50 | 10 00 | 53 | 3 | 1 | 53 | 57 | .. | 22 | 22 | 19 | 180 | 81 |
| Robinson | 10 00 | 10 00 | 20 | .. | 1 | 20 | 21 | .. | 13 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 51 |
| Neoga | 12 00 | 10 00 | 24 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 26 | .. | 17 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 65 |
| Rock River | 7 50 | 10 00 | 16 | 1 | .. | 16 | 17 | .. | 7 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 26 |
| | 78 50 | 60 00 | 160 | 6 | 6 | 160 | 172 | 4 | 90 | 90 | 84 | 78 | 342 |

All of which is fraternally submitted,

H. W. HUBBARD,
 WM. A. LEVANWAY,
 THOS. J. WHITEHEAD, } *Committee.*

October 6, 1871.

Comp. W. M. Avise, from the Committee on Charity, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois :

Your Committee on Charity would respectfully report that, owing to the blessings of our Supreme High Priest in casting our lot in a land of plenty, and the unbounded charity of our Companions in their Chapters, and as individuals, nothing has been brought before your Committee at this Session of the Grand Chapter.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

H. H. GLENN,
 A. S. WILDERMAN,
 WM. M. AVISE, } *Committee.*

Comp. Geo. W. Bright, from the Committee on Accounts, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois :

The Committee on Accounts respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and the vouchers therewith submitted, and find that the Grand Treasurer has received and is charged with the following sums, to-wit. :

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|---|--------------------|
| To balance on hand at last Grand Convocation as per report..... | \$ 898 86 |
| " amount of U. S. 5-20 bonds on hand..... | 3,000 00 |
| " interest received on above..... | 99 50 |
| " amount received from Grand Secretary..... | 6,671 84 |
| Total | <u>\$10,670 20</u> |

CONTRA.

That he has paid out and is entitled to credit for the following sums, to-wit. :

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|---|--------------------|
| By amount of mileage and per diem for 1870..... | \$3,264 90 |
| " Grand Chapter orders..... | 2,298 10 |
| " 1 1-2 per cent. commission on disbursements..... | 83 45 |
| | <u>\$5,646 45</u> |
| By amount invested in U. S. 5-20 bonds..... | 3,000 00 |
| | <u>\$8,646 45</u> |
| Balance in cash in Treasurer's hands, Oct. 6, 1871..... | 2,023 75 |
| | <u>\$10,670 20</u> |

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|---|-------------------|
| Your Committee find that the Grand Secretary has received, as per report submitted, for dues from Chartered Chapters for 1870.... | \$ 76 00 |
| On same for 1871..... | 3,848 50 |
| For dues from Chapters U. D..... | 78 50 |
| " Dispensations to Chapters U. D..... | 540 00 |
| " Special Dispensations issued by Grand High Priest..... | 26 00 |
| " Charter fees | 21 00 |
| Total..... | <u>\$4,590 00</u> |

That he has paid out as follows :

| | | |
|--|------------|--------|
| For printing..... | \$199 90 | |
| “ stationery | 5 00 | |
| “ postages and express charges..... | 105 47 | |
| “ bill rendered of T. B. & H. M. Seavey for Charter cases... | 2 50 | |
| “ “ of L. K. Osborn cleaning Hall, 1870..... | 4 50 | |
| “ “ H. R. Cabery repairing regalia | 17 00 | |
| “ repairing Grand Chapter seal..... | 1 50 | |
| “ error amount credited Girard Chapter No. 132, in 1870.. | 10 00 | |
| “ “ “ “ Elliot “ No. 120, in 1870.. | 1 00 | |
| “ paid rent Chicago Benevolent Association..... | 100 00 | |
| “ “ testimonial to M. E. J. M. Pearson..... | 50 00 | |
| “ “ postage and expense of Grand High Priest..... | 10 80 | |
| | | 507 67 |
| Balance..... | \$4,082 33 | |

The above balance has been paid to the Grand Treasurer as appears from his receipt.

Your Committee recommend that there be appropriated, as a contingent fund for printing and other incidental expenses during the current year, subject to the order of the Grand High Priest, the sum of..... :\$1,000 00

That there may be allowed as follows :

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| To Comp. E. N. Tucker, Assistant Secretary..... | \$20 00 |
| “ “ A. S. Babcock, Railroad Clerk..... | 10 00 |
| “ “ L. K. Osborn, Grand Steward..... | 10 00 |
| “ “ A. R. Robinson, Grand Tyler..... | 10 00 |
| “ “ M. E. A. A. Murray, Grand High Priest..... | 200 00 |
| “ “ A. A. Murray, J. C. Luckey and H. W. Hubbard, for expenses to General Grand Chapter, held at Baltimore, seventy-five dollars each, and to the Grand Officers, Representatives highest in rank from each Chapter, and Members of Committees not included above, be allowed mileage and per diem as per payroll already prepared by the Grand Secretary. | |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. BRIGHT,
GEO. L. HASSETT,
WARREN A. PIERCE, } Committee.

GRAND TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

HARRISON DILLS, *Grand Treasurer,**In account with ther Gand Chapter of Illinois.*

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|------------------|--|-------------------|
| October 7, 1870, | To balance on hand..... | \$ 898 86 |
| " " | " amount of U. S. 5-20 bonds on hand.... | 3,000 00 |
| " " | " interest received on above..... | 99 50 |
| " " | " amount received from Gr. Secretary.. | 6,671 84 |
| | | <hr/> \$10,670 20 |

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|------------------|---|------------------|
| October 7, 1870, | By payroll for 1869..... | \$3,264 90 |
| " " | " amount invested in 5-20 U. S. bonds.... | 3,000 00 |
| " " | " order No. 87, Nowlin & McElwain.. | 100 00 |
| " " | " order No. 88, J. H. Miles..... | 500 00 |
| " " | " order No. 89, E. N. Tucker..... | 20 00 |
| " " | " order No. 90, A. S. Babcock..... | 10 00 |
| " " | " order No. 91, R. B. Smith..... | 10 00 |
| " " | " order No. 92, L. K. Osborn..... | 10 00 |
| " " | " order No. 93, A. R. Robinson..... | 10 00 |
| " " | " order No. 94, J. M. Pearson..... | 200 00 |
| " " | " order No. 98, Clark Chapter No. 29.. | 5 50 |
| " " | " order No. 100, Clark Chapter No. 29.. | 90 00 |
| Dec. 2, 1870, | " order No. 101, Hope Chapter U. D.... | 60 00 |
| March 1, 1871, | " order No. 102, Horton & Leonard.... | 575 60 |
| March 4, 1871, | " order No. 103, J. H. Johnson..... | 7 00 |
| April 10, 1871, | " order No. 104, J. H. Miles..... | 500 00 |
| October 6, 1871, | " order of 1866..... | 200 00 |
| October 6, 1871, | " 1 1-2 per cent. commissions..... | 83 45 |
| | | <hr/> \$8,646 45 |
| October 6, 1871, | To balance in hands of Grand Treasurer..... | \$2,023 75 |

GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.

JAMES H. MILES, *Grand Secretary,**In account with the Grand Chapter of Illinois.*

| NAME AND NO. OF CHAPTER. | DUES. | NAME AND NO. OF CHAPTER. | DUES. |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Springfield.....No. 1 | \$ 66 00 | Brought Forward..... | \$1,912 50 |
| Lafayette.....2 | 139 00 | Nachusa.....56 | 40 00 |
| Jacksonville.....3 | 70 50 | Sterling.....57 | 26 00 |
| Horeb.....4 | 23 50 | Cement.....58 | 20 00 |
| Quincy.....5 | 61 50 | Goodbrake.....59 | 27 50 |
| Peoria.....7 | 53 00 | Peru.....60 | 17 50 |
| Alton.....8 | 42 00 | Tyrian.....61 | 17 50 |
| Union.....10 | 30 50 | Lebanon.....62 | 37 00 |
| Meredosia.....11 | 23 00 | Montgomery.....63 | 44 00 |
| Mt. Zion.....12 | 16 00 | Salem.....64 | 27 00 |
| Euclid.....13 | 13 50 | Bement.....65 | 17 00 |
| Fox River.....14 | 60 50 | Tuscola.....66 | 46 50 |
| Franklin.....15 | 27 00 | Vienna.....67 | 22 50 |
| Herman.....16 | 15 50 | Canton.....68 | 29 50 |
| Illinois.....17 | 14 00 | Corinthian.....69 | 92 00 |
| Barrett.....18 | 44 00 | Marshall.....70 | 27 00 |
| Morse.....19 | 40 00 | Cairo.....71 | 17 00 |
| Lusk.....20 | 14 50 | Augusta.....72 | 41 50 |
| Macon.....21 | 50 00 | Lansing.....73 | 25 50 |
| Aurora.....22 | 81 50 | Mound.....74 | 11 00 |
| Freeport.....23 | 62 00 | Reynolds.....75 | 19 50 |
| Winnebago.....24 | 75 00 | Mason.....76 | 16 00 |
| Bloomington.....26 | 54 00 | Carrollton.....77 | 37 00 |
| Joliet.....27 | 58 50 | Kankakee.....78 | 31 00 |
| Princeton.....28 | 34 50 | Mendota.....79 | 38 00 |
| Clarke.....29 | 11 00 | Urbana.....80 | 27 00 |
| Warren.....30 | 50 50 | Louisville.....81 | 14 50 |
| Edgar.....32 | 48 00 | Vermillion.....82 | 20 50 |
| Carthage.....33 | 31 50 | Carmi.....83 | 18 50 |
| Harmony.....35 | 17 50 | H. G. Reynolds.....84 | 26 50 |
| Woodstock.....36 | 41 00 | Mattoon.....85 | 19 00 |
| Shabbona.....37 | 41 00 | Havana.....86 | 30 00 |
| Richland.....38 | 24 50 | Effingham.....87 | 17 00 |
| Hutsonville.....40 | 10 00 | Barry.....88 | 23 50 |
| Waukegan.....41 | 38 50 | Nashville.....89 | 14 50 |
| Washington.....43 | 148 50 | Kishwaukee.....90 | 22 00 |
| Duquoin.....44 | 16 00 | Auburn.....92 | 23 50 |
| Egyptian.....45 | 20 00 | Centralia.....93 | 26 00 |
| Galesburg.....46 | 30 00 | Homer.....94 | 11 50 |
| Kewanee.....47 | 21 00 | Rabboni.....95 | 12 50 |
| Markwell.....48 | 14 50 | Tazewell.....97 | 18 50 |
| Sycamore.....49 | 35 50 | Eureka.....98 | 24 00 |
| Champaign.....50 | 24 00 | Fairbury.....99 | 28 00 |
| Jo Daviess.....51 | 33 00 | Marion.....100 | 26 00 |
| DeKalb.....52 | 48 00 | Metropolis.....101 | 28 50 |
| Burke.....53 | 17 00 | Staley.....103 | 20 50 |
| Keystone.....54 | 22 00 | Clayton.....104 | 21 00 |
| Forwarded..... | \$1,912 50 | Forwarded..... | \$3,113 00 |

GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT—Continued.

| NAME AND NO. OF CHAPTER. | DUES. | NAME AND NO. OF CHAPTER. | DUES. |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Brought forward..... | \$3,113 00 | Brought forward..... | \$3,809 00 |
| Lena.....105 | 19 50 | Chenoa.....143 | 10 00 |
| Belleville.....106 | 27 00 | Evanston.....144 | 14 00 |
| Sandwich.....107 | 23 50 | Odell.....145 | 15 50 |
| Fulton.....108 | 22 50 | | |
| Jasper.....109 | 12 50 | DUES—1870. | |
| Woodford.....110 | 12 50 | Eureka.....98 | 23 50 |
| Dallas.....111 | 17 00 | Vandalia.....136 | 13 50 |
| New Rutland.....112 | 31 50 | Sullivan.....128 | 12 00 |
| Ford.....113 | 22 50 | Auburn.....92 | 20 50 |
| Watseka.....114 | 23 50 | Jerseyville.....U. D. | 6 00 |
| Pana.....115 | 11 50 | Ashley.....U. D. | 50 |
| Stanton.....116 | 20 00 | | |
| Palatine.....117 | 14 50 | DISPENSATION FEES. | |
| Milton.....118 | 17 00 | Lincoln..... | 90 00 |
| DeWitt.....119 | 21 50 | Union Park..... | 90 00 |
| Elliott.....120 | 25 50 | Robinson..... | 90 00 |
| Mt. Pulaski.....121 | 15 00 | Neoga..... | 90 00 |
| Odin.....122 | 18 00 | Pinkneyville..... | 90 00 |
| Chillicothe.....123 | 10 00 | Rock River..... | 90 00 |
| Sangamon.....124 | 13 00 | 13 Specials..... | 26 00 |
| Kansas.....125 | 18 50 | | |
| W. M. Egan.....126 | 35 00 | CHARTER FEES. | |
| Chicago.....127 | 41 00 | Union Park..... | 7 00 |
| Sullivan.....128 | 10 50 | Lincoln..... | 7 00 |
| Nathan Whitney.....129 | 22 50 | Neoga..... | 7 00 |
| Mackey.....130 | 17 00 | Edwardsville..... | 7 00 |
| Payson.....131 | 10 00 | Rock River..... | 7 00 |
| Girard.....132 | 16 50 | Robinson..... | 7 00 |
| Wyoming.....133 | 14 00 | | |
| LaHarpe.....134 | 16 00 | DUES—CHAPTERS U. D. | |
| Perry.....135 | 10 50 | Union Park..... | 26 50 |
| Vandalia.....136 | 16 50 | Lincoln..... | 11 50 |
| Mt. Sterling.....137 | 16 50 | Neoga..... | 12 00 |
| Kedron.....138 | 14 00 | Edwardsville..... | 11 00 |
| Lanark.....139 | 15 50 | Rock River..... | 7 50 |
| Jerseyville.....140 | 14 50 | Robinson..... | 10 00 |
| Ashley.....141 | 14 00 | | |
| Wilmington.....142 | 15 50 | | |
| Forwarded..... | \$3,809 00 | Total..... | \$4,611 00 |

Credit.

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| By paid Horton & Leonard..... | \$ 199 90 |
| “ E. B. Myers..... | 5 00 |
| “ T. B. & H. M. Seavey..... | 2 50 |
| “ L. K. Osborn..... | 4 50 |
| “ H. R. Caberey..... | 17 00 |
| “ Repairing Seal..... | 1 50 |
| “ Rent, Chicago Benevolent Association..... | 100 00 |
| “ Testimonial, M. E. J. M. Pearson..... | 50 00 |
| “ Postage and express charges, G. H. Priest..... | 10 80 |
| “ error in amount cr. Girard Chapter, 1870..... | 10 00 |
| “ “ cr. Elliott Chapter, 1870..... | 1 00 |
| “ postage, express charges, etc..... | 105 47 |
| “ amount of Charter fees (paid since)..... | 21 00 |
| “ balance paid Grand Treasurer..... | 4,082 33 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$4,611 00 |

\$4,082.33.

Received, Chicago, October 6, 1871, of James H. Miles, Grand Secretary, Four Thousand and Eighty-two 33-100 Dollars, dues to Grand Chapter for Session of 1871.

(Signed)

HARRISON DILLS,

Grand Treasurer.

M. E. Comp. James H. Miles, from the Committee on Correspondence, made a verbal report that the Committee had not as yet been able to complete their report, and asked that further time be granted, which was on motion granted, and the report ordered to be printed with the proceedings.

REPORT ON MASONIC CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois :

The Committee on Masonic Correspondence present this their Annual Report :

GRAND CHAPTERS IN CORRESPONDENCE.

| STATE. | YEAR. | GRAND SECRETARY. | ADDRESS. |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Alabama | 1870 | Daniel Sayre..... | Montgomery. |
| 2. Arkansas | 1870 | Luke E. Barber..... | Little Rock. |
| 3. California | 1871 | Chas. Louis Wiggin | San Francisco. |
| 4. Canada | 1870 | T. Bird Harris | Hamilton. |
| 5. Connecticut..... | 1870 | J. K. Wheeler | Hartford. |
| 6. Delaware | 1871 | W. T. Godwin | Milford. |
| 7. District of Columbia. | 1870 | Noble D. Lerner..... | Washington. |
| 8. Florida | 1871 | Wm. M. McIntosh | Tallahassee. |
| 9. Georgia | 1871 | J. Emmett Blackshear | Macon. |
| 10. Indiana | 1870 | John M. Bromwell | Indianapolis. |
| 11. Iowa | 1870 | Wm. B. Langridge | Muscatine. |
| 12. Kansas | 1870 | E. T. Carr | Leavenworth. |
| 13. Kentucky | 1870 | Philip Swigert | Frankfort. |
| 14. Louisiana | 1871 | Jas. C. Batchelor..... | New Orleans. |
| 15. Maine | 1871 | Ira Berry | Portland. |
| 16. Maryland | 1870 | W. A. Wentz | Baltimore. |
| 17. Massachusetts..... | 1870 | A. F. Chapman | Boston. |
| 18. Michigan | 1871 | J. Eastman Johnson..... | Centreville. |
| 19. Minnesota | 1871 | Wm. S. Combs | St. Paul. |
| 20. Mississippi | 1871 | J. L. Power | Jackson. |
| 21. Missouri..... | 1870 | J. Frank Gouley | St. Louis. |
| 22. Nebraska | 1870 | R. W. Furnas | Brownsville. |
| 23. New Hampshire..... | 1871 | Abel Hutchins | Concord. |
| 24. New Jersey..... | 1870 | John Woolverton..... | Trenton. |
| 25. New York | 1871 | Christopher G. Fox..... | Buffalo. |
| 26. North Carolina..... | 1870 | } T. B. Carr | Wilmington. |
| | 1871 | | |
| 27. Nova Scotia..... | | | |
| 28. Ohio | 1870 | James Nesbitt | Troy. |
| 29. Oregon | 1871 | R. P. Earhart | Salem. |
| 30. Pennsylvania..... | | | |
| 31. Rhode Island..... | 1871 | Geo. H. Burnham | Providence. |
| 32. South Carolina..... | 1871 | Augustine T. Smythe..... | Charleston. |
| 33. Tennessee | 1870 | John Frizzell | Nashville. |
| 34. Texas | 1871 | Robert Brewster | Houston. |
| 35. Vermont | 1871 | W. H. S. Whitcomb..... | Burlington. |
| 36. Virginia | 1870 | John Dove | Richmond. |
| 37. Wisconsin | 1871 | W. T. Palmer | Milwaukee. |
| 38. General Gr. Chapter.. | 1871 | Christopher G. Fox..... | Buffalo. |

According to the usual custom we shall notice them alphabetically.

ALABAMA.

The forty-fourth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Montgomery, December 6, 1870. M. E. Comp. H. Clay Armstrong, Grand High Priest; Comp. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary. 52 of the 93 Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, announces the death, since the last Annual Convocation, of Comp. E. M. Hastings, Grand Treasurer, of whom he well says:

"Companion Hastings was long known to us all. No eulogy from me can increase your estimate of his excellencies of 'mind and heart.' Amiable and kind in deportment—earnest and energetic in the discharge of every duty imposed upon him—possessing a mind invigorated and accomplished by varied learning, and a heart quickly responsive, at all times, to the wants and claims of others—the loss caused by his death cannot be easily supplied. He was pre-eminently a Mason, devoted to the interests of the Craft, and illustrating in his daily walk and conversation every Masonic virtue. His was a zeal for our order which increased through the years of a long life, knowing no abatement until the summons 'Come up higher' came to him. His prudent counsel, matured wisdom and bright example are no longer ours; let us cherish his memory, and by careful imitation of his virtues, severally strive to be found worthy when called hence, to bear the 'Signet' which admitted him into the Sanctuary above."

From the address we learn "that Capitular Masonry, in this Jurisdiction, is in a flourishing condition, that peace, prosperity and harmony prevail, and that the lights are burning brightly upon their altars."

Of the granting of Special Dispensation, he says, and we concur:

"The power to grant dispensations is a prerogative not to be lightly exercised—certainly not merely for the convenience of individuals, but only in cases of necessity clearly made out, and when it is made manifest that the good of the craft would be promoted thereby."

Comp. P. J. Pillans again presents the report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of thirty-five Grand Chapters; Illinois, for 1869, receiving special attention.

Comp. Pillans, who was not able to be present at this Convocation, again sends in his resignation, which the Grand Chapter again decline to receive. He says:

"And now, companions, in our official capacity we bid you farewell, hoping that you may enjoy this salmagundi in its consumption as much as we have in its preparation.

"Our business will probably in the future, as it does now at this Convocation, prevent our attendance, and we therefore also take a regretful leave of our *confreres*, with whom we have for a few years past held so agreeable converse,

and hope that the balmy airs of this, our queen city, may entice some of them this way, that we may give them such *tokens* of our esteem as we would."

M. E. Comp. H. Clay Armstrong, re-elected Grand High Priest.

Comp. Daniel Sayre, of Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 52 Chapters report 2,184 members.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Montgomery, December 5, 1871.

ARKANSAS.

The twenty-first Annual Convocation was held at Little Rock, November 17, 1870. M. E. Comp. E. H. English, Grand High Priest ; M. E. Comp. L. E. Barber, Grand Secretary. 26 Chapters represented.

From the very excellent address of the Grand High Priest, we learn that prosperity, peace and quiet have prevailed in the jurisdiction.

Of the increase of Chapters since the organization of the Grand Chapter, he says :

" It has been but about thirty years since the first Royal Arch Chapter (Far West, No. 1, at Fayetteville) was established in this State. When this Grand Chapter was organized, on the 28th of April, 1851, there were but four Chapters in the State. Now there are fifty-five upon our register, forty-seven of which are chartered, and eight under dispensations."

The address contains an interesting "Outline of Capitular Masonry," well worthy its author, but its great length forbids our copying. We quote a few sentences from the conclusion :

" We are all hastening as rapidly as the wings of time can bear us over life's uneven journey. To some the way is smooth ; to others, broken. Health and plenty—disease and want—joys and sorrows—trials and triumphs—hope and gloom—smiles and tears—sunshine and shadows, alternate and mingle in the lives of men. To aid, comfort and relieve each other along the checkered way of life, we are bound by the strongest ties.

" Let the young and the strong stay the tottering steps of the aged, as they pass up the hill ; and as they descend to the vale, remove the stones from the path, that they may stumble not.

" Companion, you are blessed with wealth, and comfortably housed when the cold winds blow ; but the same winds whistle through the open walls of your poor neighbor's house, and cause his helpless ones to shiver. Go and help him *daub* his house with *tempered mortar* !"

The several degrees were exemplified, before the Grand Chapter, upon actual candidates of a subordinate Chapter.

No report on Masonic Correspondence.

M. E. Comp. E. H. English was re-elected Grand High Priest ; M. E. Comp. Luke E. Barber, Grand Secretary—both of Little Rock.

Statistics : 56 chartered Chapters, 3 under dispensation. We look in vain for the number of members.

CALIFORNIA.

The seventeenth Annual Convocation was held in the city of San Francisco, April 24, 1871. 30 Chapters represented, with two under dispensation. M. E. Comp. George T. Grimes, Grand High Priest; Comp. Lawrence C. Owen, Secretary.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, congratulates the Grand Chapter on the growth and prosperity of the Order, and reports all in peace and harmony.

The Grand Representative system recognized, of which the Grand High Priest says :

"The appointment of Representatives near other Grand Bodies is a practice which, in my judgment, is calculated to confer great benefit upon the Craft, by bringing us into closer relationship with each other, and by fostering those reciprocal acts of courtesy and kindness which tend so greatly to endear man to his brother man."

Comp. Lawrence C. Owen presents the usual report on Masonic Correspondence, in which he reviews the Proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters. Illinois, for 1869 and 1870, receive attention.

M. E. Comp. James L. English, of Sacramento, was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Charles L. Wiggin, of San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 42 Chapters, 1,769 members.

The eighteenth Annual Convocation will be held at San Francisco, April 9, 1872.

This Grand Chapter publishes the full name of each member, and no petition received without the full name.

CANADA.

The thirteenth Annual Convocation, at Quebec, August 10, 1870. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Z., presiding; T. Bird Harris, Grand Scribe E. 32 Chapters represented.

From the address of the Grand Z., as also from the reports of the twelve Superintendents, we learn that, in the language of the report of the Committee on the condition of Capitular Masonry:

"The Committee congratulates Grand Chapter on the healthy and prosperous condition of Capitular Masonry throughout its jurisdiction, as shown by the reports of all the District Superintendents, the steady increase in the number of subordinate Chapters, and the entire absence of complaints and grievances within the jurisdiction of Grand Chapter. It is gratifying to learn that even the unfortunate differences existing amongst Masons of Quebec has not interfered with Capitular Masonry in that Province."

The Grand Z. announces the union of St. John's Chapter on the Registry of Scotland with St. Andrew on the Registry of Canada, under the title of St. Andrew and St. John Chapter.

Charters were issued to four new Chapters, and the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia recognized. The Grand Z. recommends some action in regard to the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, and suggests that they be attached to the Chapters until such time as they shall be able to form a Grand Council.

R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson presents an able report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of 31 Grand Chapters, including Scotland. Illinois, for 1869, receives attention. From the report we learn the meaning of the title of these officers :

"Our presiding officer represents 'Zerubbabel, the Prince of the People;' the second, 'Haggai, the Prophet;' and the third, 'Jeshua, the son of Josedech, the High Priest.' The Scribes E. and N. represent 'Ezra' and 'Nehemiah,' the 'selectors and expounders of the Sacred Law, and attendants on the august Sanhedrim.' The Principal Sojourner and his two assistants are closely connected with the esoteric portions of our system, and it is principally through their exertions that hidden treasures are fortunately discovered, and that the earnest seekers after truth are enabled to prosecute their researches in the midst of surrounding difficulties. The 'Pursuivant' guards the inner, and the 'Janitor' the outer entrance, to the Council Chamber. The 'Masters of the Veils' have their appropriate situations in the subordinate Chapters, but have no corresponding positions in the Grand Chapter, and are therefore not on the roll of Grand Officers."

Also that the intermediate degrees are indispensable in Canada :

"The Past Master's degree *is* indispensable in Canada to the attainment of the Royal Arch, as are also the Mark and Most Excellent. The Grand Chapter of England does not recognize the Mark and Most Excellent degrees, but in no case that we are aware of is the Royal Arch conferred upon others than Past Masters."

The Grand Representative system was adopted, and several representatives were introduced and recognized.

M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, re-elected Grand Z. ; E. Comp. T. Bird Harris, of Hamilton, re-elected Grand Scribe E.

Canada has 38 Chapters ; 1,491 members.

CONNECTICUT.

The semi-annual Convocation was held at Meriden, November 1, 1870, M. E. Comp. John H. Barlow, Grand High Priest. Twenty Chapters represented. The work and lectures of the several degrees exemplified by the Grand officers.

The seventy-third annual Convocation was held at New Haven, May 9, 1871. M. E. Comp. John H. Barlow, Grand High Priest, and the representatives of twenty-eight Chapters.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we learn that harmony and prosperity exist, and that the Royal Craft are dispensing Masonic light and knowledge to the worthy and well qualified.

The Grand High Priest, in a few appropriate remarks, announces the death of the Grand Secretary of Connecticut for nearly a quarter of a century, Comp. E. G. Storer, of whom he truly says, "He being dead yet speaketh."

The report on correspondence is from the pen of Comp. Luke A. Lockwood, in which he ably reviews the transactions of thirty-six Grand Chapters. Illinois for 1870 is fraternally mentioned.

In his conclusion he thus speaks of the use of substitutes :

"We find a difference of opinion on the question whether it is right to employ substitutes. All agree that the denial of such right will in many instances operate as almost a prohibition and practically close the Chapters in sparsely populated districts.

"The only objection to their use which is strongly pressed, is that it is a violation of the O. B. This turns simply on the use of the words "*persons*" or '*brethren*,' instead of '*candidates*.' As we were taught it is persons. The argument in favor of the use of substitutes is

"1st. Its *expediency*, in many instances amounting to *necessity*, as above indicated.

"2nd. Its antiquity and long established usage.

"3rd. The intention of the requirement is fully answered as well with one or two substitutes as with three *candidates*.

"We were taught that there is no requirement in Masonry which is purely arbitrary, but that, as might naturally be inferred from every work of its wise author, everything was fitted and framed with design, and for some good purpose. It is true many times we may not be able to discover any such design, but we think hardly any one would be bold enough to assert that therefore there is no such design.

"Why was the number three fixed upon? We venture to suggest in response to this inquiry, so far as it is proper so to do in writing, that the grand central point, and the object of the Mason's work through all the degrees, and the final reward he receives for his labor, could not be obtained unless in the presence of three Companions. Three has by all people and from all time been esteemed the symbol of Deity, and is therefore intimately connected with what immediately pertains to His name and presence. This will be perceived in the compact of our three Ancient Grand Masters, in the Broken Triangle, and at a later day, in the three Ancient Brethren, the types of our Grand Master, who went up to rebuild the temple and city of Jehovah. They sought that which was lost, and as a condition of its finding, the same number three must be present to receive it, as by the absence of one it had many years before been lost. The representation is historical, and so long as the facts of the traditional history are preserved and the presence of the *three weary sojourners* is secured to receive the lost treasure, the design of the requirement in our judgment is fully answered. It is impossible to further amplify and illustrate these last suggestions upon paper, but many other confirmatory circumstances will be readily suggested pointing to the same grand design."

The Grand Chapter of Illinois forbids the use of substitutes, and we have yet to see any evil effects therefrom. We increase fast enough with the prohibition. The argument used is quite strong for the prohibition.

M. E. Comp. Charles W. Stearns, of Middletown, was elected Grand High Priest. Comp. J. K. Wheeler, of Hartford, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 30 Chapters; 3,835 members; 248 exaltations.

DELAWARE.

The third annual Convocation, with its four Subordinates, was held at Dover, January 18, 1871. M. E. Comp. Daniel C. Godwin, Grand High Priest; Comp. William F. Godwin, Grand Secretary.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we learn that the Royal Craft are in prosperous condition in this Grand Jurisdiction. He notices, in a few feeling remarks, the death of Benj. B. French, Grand High Priest of the District of Columbia, calls the attention of the Grand Chapter to the necessity of action on the Grand Representative system, and bids them hold on to the practice of the use of substitutes, established by the Fathers.

Comp. John A. Nicholson, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, reports having received the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Chapters, but for want of time was excused from making a report.

M. E. Comp. Allen V. Lesley, of New Castle, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. William F. Godwin, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 4 Chapters; 187 members; 25 exaltations.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The fourth annual report contains the proceedings during the year of two special, a semi-annual and the annual Convocation of November 14. The Chapters composing this Grand Chapter, are so near each other that frequent sessions are held with but little inconvenience or expense.

At the semi-annual Convocation of May 9, M. E. Comp. B. B. French presided. The special of the 12th of August was called to make arrangements for his funeral, which occurred on the 14th of August. At a special Convocation, September 29, an eloquent eulogium upon the life and character of Comp. French, by Comp. Joseph T. Brown. We can give but the concluding passages from this excellent production:

"Surely, Companions, in the contemplation of such a life as his there is a solemn, impressive and important lesson to each and every one of us. The days of our life are few, but those of eternity are many. Life is given us as a school of probation to prepare us for that mysterious change which must surely overtake us. What we do we must do now, for in the starless night of the grave, which inevitably awaits us, the accounts for the manner in which we have employed our *talent* will be made up and the balance of eternal weal or eternal woe determined.

"Time is the workshop of eternity, and if the Temple of Holiness is erected in our hearts it must be now. What was possible for our deceased Companion is

possible for us. Life means duty, labor, work, and would we like him rejoice in a record of usefulness to our fellow-men, we must like him apply ourselves to its attainment. The lives of such men are guide-posts to our journey through the world, and beacon lights to our voyage over the tempestuous sea of mortality, and the warnings of their death call to us in trumpet tones, 'Be ye also ready!'

"Let us, then, apply our hearts to this solemn lesson, let us follow in his footsteps over the sands of time, so that when we too are called to pass from this living death to eternal life, we may be received as true and tried stones, fit for the heavenly foundation, that will not 'be rejected and thrown aside as unfit for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.'"

At the annual Convocation, November 14th, M. E. Comp. Jno. Lockie presided as Grand High Priest.

From the address we learn that harmony and prosperity have been the grand characteristics which have distinguished this Grand Chapter during the past year.

Comp. John Edwin Mason, presents another of his able and interesting reports on Correspondence, filling the greater part of the book, in which he reviews the transactions of forty Grand Chapters, including England and Scotland. Illinois for 1869 receives fraternal mention.

Comp. Mason seems to be offended at something or somebody, as he strikes out right and left with the full intention of hurting somebody. Hear what he says, ye Grand High Priests, who are supposed to know something:

"Having read more than forty addresses of Grand High Priests at the opening of annual Convocations, we have been struck with the decided similarity of ideas, and particularly with the opening sentences. Several of them have an opening salutatory to the Craft, couched in winning cant and common-place platitudes, such as have been handed down with traditional accuracy from time immemorial. Nine have the opening substantially the same, and five have it *verbatim et literatim*. If the man is living who invented the original Grand High Priest's address, and he will write to us, we will get him a patent for his invention in the U. S. Patent Office here, to prevent others from stealing his thunder. If he is dead, and it is conceded that the address killed him, let his heirs apply. The author will unquestionably say, —

' He steals my purse steals trash,
'Twas mine, 'tis his, it has been food for thousands,
But he that robs me of my WHINING CANT,
Takes what enriches not himself, but makes me poor indeed. '

In conclusion —

"Our fraters abroad will please accept the compliments of our Companions in the National Capital, with their sympathy and esteem. Prosperity and success has never crowned a single year's labor in Capitular Masonry here equal to that just closed.

"Our numbers have rapidly increased, and harmony and good feeling everywhere prevails. Our troubles in the formation of our Grand Chapter have been

buried and forgotten. Smiling and happy faces meet now, where all was sorrow, anger, and anxiety three years ago. A beautiful Temple has been completed the past year in Washington, costing \$200,000, in which a Chapter chamber is magnificently furnished, and where we are anxious to greet our Companions from every part of the world. A Royal Arch welcome will here be extended to all. Our Council fires are burning brightly — let us smoke the pipe of peace around them.”

We are glad to learn that the Grand Chapter has appointed a committee to compile and publish the Masonic works of the distinguished Comp. B. B. French, and we trust to see them soon in print.

M. E. Comp. John Lockie was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. N. D. Lerner, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 7 Chapters; 836 members; 116 exaltations.

FLORIDA.

The twenty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Tallahassee, January 10, 1872. M. E. Comp. DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand High Priest. Eight Chapters represented.

From the short address of the Grand High Priest, we learn that “Our people, like children and cripples, learning and relearning to walk, are beginning, if but slowly, to survive the misfortunes and hardships of the past, and when the sprig of prosperity has once more begun to flourish in our lovely floral State, Royal Arch Masonry will feel its influence and flourish and be useful in proportion. May the days of former prosperity ere long return, and even be exceeded, and then may all in the land be glad.”

Since the Annual Convocation, the Excellent Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, Comp. Edward Bradford, Jr., has been called to his reward.

The work of the several degrees was exemplified, on actual candidates, at this session.

Dispensations issued for two new Chapters.

An able report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. Thomas A. Caruth, reviewing the transactions of twenty-eight Grand Chapters; Illinois, for 1869, receiving fraternal attention.

He has our sympathy and that of the Brotherhood in his misfortune:

“On the night of the 13th December, the dwelling of the writer was entirely consumed by fire, leaving himself and family homeless, and destroying much valuable property, among which was the labor commenced, and in a fair way of completion, of this report. The cares and anxieties consequent upon such a misfortune, and the labor incident upon getting another shelter for wife and children, have so drawn upon our time as to prevent another commencement of work on the report until now, December 29, when we begin *de novo*, and throw ourself upon the Masonic charity of our Companions at home and abroad.”

M. E. Comp. DeWitt C. Dawkins, of Jacksonville, re-elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Wm. M. McIntosh, of Tallahassee, elected Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 8 Chapters report; 368 members; 17 exaltations.

Next Annual Convocation June 24, 1872, at Tallahassee.

GEORGIA.

The Annual Convocation was held at Augusta, April 26, 1871. M. E. Comp. Moses P. Kellogg, Grand High Priest; Comp. J. Emmett Blackshear, Grand Secretary. Forty Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest presented an interesting address, covering eight pages of the Proceedings. We cannot wholly subscribe to some of the sentiments of the address, as:

"And in that solemn hour, when the soul hovers midway between two worlds—when the veil of earthly vision grows transparent with the dawning light of eternity—it must be a source of comfort to know that he possesses the Signet of Truth, by which he may gain admission within the white veil of the sanctuary, while his earthly remains will be honored with sepulture and his orphan children and destitute widow will be protected. What institution can do more?"

From the address we learn of the prosperity of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction:

"Companions, I congratulate you on the peaceful, healthful condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction. To maintain this prosperity, you as the High Priests of the respective Chapters, have but to keep faithful sentinels posted at the portals to give prompt alarm at the approach of strangers. Exercise vigorously the bulwark of the ballot. Challenge promptly all who may seek to offer their services to aid in rebuilding the House of the Lord. Admit none to your presence who are not invested with the Signet of Truth, and reward none but the worthy."

The system of dropping from the roll of membership for non-payment of dues, adopted at the last session, seems to have worked an injury, as we anticipated:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter recognize, as legitimate, the action of subordinate Chapters in remitting the dues of worthy members who are not able to pay; and, that the practice of dropping from the rolls, for non-payment of dues, be discontinued; and that all delinquent members be summoned before their respective Chapters and made to show cause why they have failed to pay dues."

Charters were issued for two new Chapters, and the Constitution of the Grand Chapter revised and published.

Appended to the Proceedings is the very excellent report on Correspondence, by Comp. J. Emmett Blackshear, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Chapters; Illinois, for 1869 and 1870, receives fraternal attention.

M. E. Comp. Moses P. Kellogg, re-elected Grand High Priest; Comp. J. Emmett Blackshear, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 60 Chapters; 2,061 members; 187 exalted.

INDIANA.

The twenty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Indianapolis, October 19, 1870. M. E. Comp. Harvey G. Hazelrigg, Grand High Priest; Comp. John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary. Sixty Chapters represented; twelve under dispensation also represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is an interesting document, covering fifteen pages of closely printed matter, containing a review of the transactions of the several Grand Chapters, a duty assigned to the Grand High Priest of this Jurisdiction for the following reasons:

"The laws of the Grand Chapter make it my duty to present to you a review of such matters of foreign correspondence as may be deemed necessary for your information or action—a duty required in most other jurisdictions to be performed by a committee appointed for that special purpose, and when done is seldom read to the body it is supposed to be prepared for while it is in session, but simply printed with its Proceedings as a matter of history, containing the opinion only of the individual who prepares it, and not of the body from which it purports to emanate."

We are glad to see that our reports reach our Companions across the border.

He congratulates the Grand Chapter on the peace and harmony pervading the Jurisdiction:

"Never in the history of Royal Arch Masonry in our own Jurisdiction has there been greater cause for gratulation than exists at the present time. Not a single 'wave of trouble' or discontent, so far as I am advised, exists in any quarter to disturb the quiet and peace that should and does exist in and between our several Subordinate Chapters."

The Grand High Priest, in his address, devotes a page and a half to a discussion of the use of substitutes; but we must confess, by the perusal, we are more convinced of the necessity of enforcing the edict of our Grand Chapter, which works well in this Jurisdiction. True our footings are not divisible by three, but that does not show that we have evaded the law, where one Chapter borrows material from another to comply with the law.

He closes with the following beautiful passages:

"In closing this, the last official communication I shall ever make to my Companions, words fail to express the emotions of the heart, filled as it is with the overflowings of gratitude for the many and repeated expressions of respect, kindness and confidence that has on all occasions attended my connection with the various Grand Masonic Bodies of this Jurisdiction. Many with whom I first met in annual convocations have been summoned to their final rest, to reap the rewards of a virtuous and well-spent life in the realms of unending bliss. Soon we must follow, and by imitating their uprightness and rectitude, we will be hailed with that welcome which awaits all those who faithfully discharge their duty in this world of trials, afflictions and disappointments. I retire from official station to assume whatever position in the ranks in which I can perform the most

acceptable labor to my Companions. I retire with the harness on—not to rust out, but to keep the implements of our profession bright and ready for service. And now, in closing, permit me, with whatever of influence I may have, to commend to your veneration and frequent perusal, that great Book of all books, the Bible, which ever lies open upon our altar. Let it become the law of all your thoughts, the rule of all your actions, the authority to which you ever submit with the most implicit deference, and the transforming agent which shall mould all the elements of your nature into subjection to itself. Aids to duty you have without stint, and so far as they have imbibed the spirit which breathes in this sacred volume, they demand and should receive your careful attention. But drink less of the streams than at the fountain itself. The symbols of our Order are at once significant and truthful teachers, but remember that in the Bible, and in the Bible alone, does man now hear the voice of his Creator direct. No burning bush now draws the footsteps of mortals into his presence-chamber; no invisible voice now holds the ear awake in wrapt attention; no hand now comes forth from the dim obscure to inscribe his purposes in letters of flame. The vision is now shut up, and the testimony is sealed, and the audible voice of the Lord is hushed, and this solitary volume is bequeathed to us as the sum total of all for which the chariot of heaven made so many visits to our earth, and for which the Son of God himself tabernacled and dwelt among men. Remember that every sentence in this book comes charmed to you with the power of God, and should be made by you subsidiary to the everlasting salvation of your souls. Let it be the day-star of all your hopes and the pavilion of your repose.

“Companions, for aught we know, this is the last time we shall all ever meet around our sacred altar, grasp the fraternal hand, and feel the electric influence which flows from the heart of brother to brother. Sad thought! but let us so live that when we shall for the last time hear the sound of the gavel, we may be cheered by the reflection that we have, so far as in us lay, endeavored to live in the discharge of our whole duty—that we have loved and obeyed the heaven-descended principles of pure and unadulterated Masonry, even though we might be unable to explain to others the whole cause of our devotion.”

Charters were issued for ten new Chapters at this Convocation, showing that Royal Arch Masonry is progressing in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The following resolution was adopted:

“*Resolved*, That our delegates to the approaching Triennial Communication of the G. G. Chapter be and they are hereby instructed to vote against the proposed amendment to the G. G. Constitution, striking therefrom the degree of Past Master.”

The financial report shows the prosperous condition of the Grand Chapter, showing a balance in the treasury of \$2,867.51, with a loan to Grand Lodge of \$5,500.

M. E. Comp. Rees J. Chesnutwood, of South Bend, was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. John M. Bramwell, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 80 Chapters; 3,548 members; 497 exaltations.

IOWA.

The sixteenth Annual Convocation was held at Clinton, October 15, 1870. M. E. Comp. Pitkin C. Wright, Grand High Priest ; Comp. W. B. Langridge, Grand Secretary. Thirty-one chartered and seven Chapters U. D. represented.

M. E. Comp. Pitkin C. Wright, 32d Grand High Priest (known by the more familiar title of Judge), presents an able *resume* of his official acts during his term of office. He says :

"The past year has been one of continued prosperity and increase of usefulness and power to our Order ; and still more than in years past, do we need to take good heed that, while we are growing outwardly, we are not decaying and dying within."

Dispensations issued for ten new Chapters, all of which receive Charters.

The report on Correspondence is furnished by Comp. U. D. Taylor, owing to pressure of business of the Chairman of the Committee, the Grand Secretary. The Committee could not have intrusted it to better hands. His review of the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Chapters covers seventy-three pages of the Proceedings, although written under most adverse circumstances.

Illinois, for 1869, receives attention.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

"*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to procure, at the expense of this Grand Body, a suitable testimonial to be presented to our retiring Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion P. C. Wright, at the next Annual Convocation, as an evidence of the high esteem in which he is held by the Royal Craft in Iowa."

M. E. Comp. Z. C. Luse, of Iowa City, was elected Grand High Priest ; Comp. W. B. Langridge, of Muscatine, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 60 Chapters ; 2,556 members ; 427 exaltations.

KANSAS.

The sixth annual Convocation was held at Atchinson, October 18, 1870. M. E. Comp. Owen A. Bassett, Grand High Priest ; Comp. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary. Fifteen Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is quite a lengthy but interesting document. Of the prosperity of the Royal Craft, he says :

"Prosperity attends the Craft in all its avocations: the granaries attest a plentiful reward for those who till the soil ; the lowing herds bear witness of increasing wealth, while sound of axe and hammer indicate activity in all mechanic arts. The mystic chain which binds us in one common brotherhood, presents no broken links—no cause for discipline exists ; our portals are so closely tyled that Time has claimed few victims, and called none from our grand membership."

One Dispensation issued.

To correct a practice pernicious in its tendency, the following resolution was adopted on recommendation of Grand High Priest :

"Resolved, That a petition for the Capitular Degrees must lay over at least one regular Convocation, and that not more than two degrees be conferred upon the same candidate at one and the same Convocation, and no further degrees shall be conferred on the same candidate until the next regular Convocation thereof."

The Grand Representative system adopted ; and it was further resolved that petitioners for a new Chapter must be affiliated Royal Arch Masons.

All attempt to repeal the resolution against the use of substitutes was lost.

Comp. E. T. Carr presents his usual interesting report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters. Illinois for 1869 receives attention.

M. E. Comp. Owen A. Bassett re-elected Grand High Priest ; Comp. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary.

The next annual Convocation will be held at Topeka, October 16, 1871.

Statistics : 17 Chapters ; 610 members ; 91 exaltations.

KENTUCKY.

The annual Convocation was held at Louisville, October 20, 1870. M. E. Comp. E. B. Jones, Grand High Priest ; Comp. Philip Swigert, Grand Secretary. Eighty-four Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is short and principally local. He says :

"The past year has been one of prosperity—both material and Masonic. Our State is going forward healthily in all that makes a Commonwealth powerful and respected, while our ancient and honorable Order is keeping equal step in this march of progress. This will doubtless always be true as long as Royal Arch Masons can continue to point to the best citizens in our community—men noted for their deeds of charity and works of benevolence, and who fulfill the scriptural admonition to 'visit the widow and fatherless in their afflictions, and keep themselves unspotted from the world.' Then let us strive to be always able to claim such men, and say 'these are our jewels ;' and so long will the fury of anti-Masonic fanaticism continue to fall harmless at our feet."

He refers to the death of Comp. I. T. Martin, Past Grand High Priest, of whom he says :

"Distinguished for his fine talents and great zeal for the institution of Masonry, it is not wonderful that he attained the highest official position in both the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Kentucky. Both the representative bodies of Symbolic and Capitular Masonry in our State will long miss his wise counsels."

The Grand High Priest says, which is a move in the right direction :

"In numberless instances I have been constrained to refuse to grant dispensa-

tions to confer degrees in less time than our laws and usages require. There is apparently a great desire to break down the ancient walls; this tendency I have steadily and firmly resisted."

He goes for the "Masonic Carpet Baggers:"

"Our Jurisdiction has been flooded during the past year with circulars from a neighboring State, in which it is claimed that the whole work of the Chapter can be learned by the use of a cipher. It is the subterfuge of some unscrupulous speculator to replenish his empty pockets; and in all instances I have instructed inquirers to 'touch not the unclean thing.'

"The use of a cipher being strictly forbidden by our laws, all such propositions as that contained in the circular referred to should be received only as proof of a dangerous tendency to destroy the most sacred trust imposed by the laws of Masonry. Cipher, though ever so securely wrapped in its hieroglyphics, is made readable. Every cipher system must have its key; and that key once found the cipher becomes easily intelligible. The fact that any brain has conceived and formed a cipher is proof that there are other brains equally capable of unraveling its intricacies. Hence all attempts to employ it in Masonry should be regarded as treacherous to the Order."

Total resources of Grand Chapter by report of Grand Treasurer, \$11,730 25.

Companion Henderson presents the report on Correspondence, reviewing thirty-three Grand Chapters. Illinois for 1869.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, which was disagreed to, viz.:

"A member cannot be deprived of voting unless he is under the penalty of suspension or expulsion. So long as he is allowed to sit in the Chapter under no charges he has the privileges of a member."

M. E. Comp. Henry Bostwick was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Philip Swigert, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 98 Chapters; 3,397 members; 379 exaltations.

LOUISIANA.

The twenty-fourth annual Convocation was held at New Orleans, February 14 and 15, 1871. M. E. Comp. Hugh Breen, Grand High Priest; Comp. J. C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary. Sixteen chartered and two Chapters under dispensation represented.

A difficulty presented itself at the opening of the Grand Chapter, the representatives of four chartered Chapters only having qualified themselves, when the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That all Royal Arch Chapters who have made returns and paid their dues to date, be and are hereby allowed representation."

The representation of five chartered Chapters constitute a quorum in Illinois.

The Grand High Priest opens his address with the following encouraging words :

"COMPANIONS— It affords me pleasure to state to you that the harmony of the subordinate bodies of Capitular Masonry in our beloved State, during the past year, has been continuous, affording opportunity for the healthy growth of our institution, and giving your Grand High Priest but little to comment upon. The various subordinate bodies have performed a large amount of Masonic work during the year, and as far as I have been able to ascertain, there has been no year in the history of this Grand Body when the material has been more carefully selected, and the labors of the Chapters more carefully and beneficially performed. There has been no rage for making Royal Arch Masons, and the prosperous condition of our Chapters generally has relieved from duty those ardent, but indiscreet, Companions who are sometimes anxious to build up the financial condition of their bodies by gathering into our tabernacle from the highways and byways of Symbolic Masonry every stray brother who is able to spend or borrow enough money to pay his way to his exaltation. I regard the number of rejections reported by our Grand Secretary as a most healthy augury for the future of our Order in Louisiana."

The Grand Representative system was adopted by the appointment of Representatives to twenty-seven of the Grand Bodies.

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia recognized.

The following resolution was adopted, which, we think, will give the Grand Chapter trouble hereafter :

"*Resolved*, That the subordinate Chapters be authorized to strike from their rolls the names of members delinquent for dues for more than one year, after notice to such delinquents."

M. E. Comp. Jos. P. Horner presents the report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of twenty-four Grand Bodies. Illinois does not appear, for what cause we are unable to explain.

M. E. Comp. M. E. Girard, of Vermillionville, was elected Grand High Priest ; M. E. Comp. J. C. Batchelor, of New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 27 Chapters ; 1,577 members ; 133 exaltations.

MAINE.

The Annual Convocation was held at Portland, May 2, 1871. M. E. Comp. Stephen J. Young, Grand High Priest ; Comp. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary. Representatives from the 33 Chapters.

The address of Grand High Priest Young is a plain statement of his official acts and visitations. Peace, harmony and uninterrupted prosperity exist in this Grand Jurisdiction. Two dispensations issued for new Chapters, and two for conferring degrees in less than usual time, the reasons for which were so strong as to overcome his almost invincible repugnance to documents of this nature.

Comp. Josiah H. Drummond submitted a lengthy report on the use of substitutes, in which he notices the action of the several Grand Chapters using substitutes, and finally submits the following resolutions, which were adopted :

" *Resolved*, That the resolution of 1869 (p. 114), prohibiting the use of 'substitutes,' be suspended until the next Annual Convocation.

" *Resolved*, That the M. E. General Grand Chapter be requested to change the ritual, and installation charges to a High Priest, so that their language shall no longer conflict with the almost universal practice of using 'substitutes' or 'proxies' in conferring the Royal Arch Degree.

" *Resolved*, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to cause this action of this Grand Chapter to be presented to the M. E. General Grand Chapter for its consideration at the Convocation thereof, to be held in Baltimore in September next."

Comp. Josiah H. Drummond submits his usual interesting report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of 37 Grand Chapters. Illinois, for 1870, receives attention.

Appended to his report is a history of the Order of High Priesthood, in which he arrives at the following conclusion :

" We think, however, the Order originated in January, 1799, at the session of the General Grand Chapter, and that Webb was its author. He was at that session appointed Chairman of a Committee to report a Constitution, and did so. In that Constitution he gives forms for installing High Priests. After the questions are answered and the installation prayer made, 'All the Companions, except High Priests and Past High Priests, are then requested to withdraw, while the new High Priest is solemnly bound to the performance of his duties; and after the performance of other necessary ceremonies, not proper to be written, they are permitted to return.' The Grand High Priest then declares him 'duly installed and *anointed* High Priest.'

" That this alluded to the Order of High Priesthood, there can be no doubt. The form for installation follows that of the installation of the Master of a lodge, and the foregoing proceedings are had *in lieu* of conferring the Past Master's degree. Mark also the force of the word '*anointed*;' this provision remained in the Constitution fifty-four years, till 1853, when the General Grand Chapter decided that the Order is not a necessary part of the installation of a High Priest, and struck out this provision from the Constitution. Any one familiar with Webb's ritual of the Past Master's degree cannot fail to perceive that the author of this Order was familiar with that degree.

" Webb was made a Mason in 1792, and in 1797 had apparently introduced his work into Temple Chapter at Albany; in the latter part of that year he visited Boston and exemplified his work there, and it was adopted. Dermot's Royal Arch was conferred only on Past Masters; and Webb made that degree a part of the Chapter system, and it was also made a part of the ceremonies of installation of a Master. What more natural, when he came to prepare ceremonies for

installation of High Priests, than that he should invent a similar degree for Past High Priests?

"From our examination, we have not the slightest doubt that the Order was originally intended to be a part of the ceremonies at the installation of a High Priest. The constitution of the General Grand Chapter so recognized it for more than fifty years. But it frequently happened that it was not practicable to confer it at that time; and in such cases it was conferred at some convenient time afterwards. This happened so frequently that it became the rule. The same thing often happened in regard to the degree of Past Master; it was not practicable for the installing officer to confer that degree upon the Master elect, and it was deferred to some more convenient time. We have known Masters of lodges who were not instructed in that degree till years after they went out of office. We have no doubt that the practice of conferring the Order of High Priesthood *after* installation grew up in the same manner and from the same causes. In fact, in the States in which it is now a part of the installation ceremonies, the same practice still prevails. When the practice of balloting upon applications first arose, we cannot ascertain. That practice changed the whole system. If the High Priest had a right to ballot, they had a right to reject. One of two consequences followed; either the Order is not a necessary qualification for a High Priest, or a power outside of the Chapter and the Grand Chapter, responsible to neither, prevents the installation of an officer elected by his Chapter, for reasons satisfactory to themselves, or for no reasons at all.

"The General Grand Chapter took the first horn of the dilemma, deciding that the Order is not a necessary qualification for a High Priest, but a mere *honorarium* conferred by the possessors of it upon such of those duly qualified as they chose to select, and that consequently the General Grand Chapter has no jurisdiction over it. The same view is held in all the jurisdictions in which Grand Councils of the Order exist, so far as we have any knowledge.

"In either view, the action of the Grand Chapter of New York in assuming control of it, is erroneous, in our judgment. The action of the Grand Council, in deciding that it is a part of the installation ceremony, we believe to be a return to the original plan of the Order. But the step taken by the Grand Chapter does not follow as a consequence. We know of no Grand Lodge which assumes to control the degree of Past Master. Grand Lodges can know whether a man is a Past Master or not, only *from the record of his installation and service as such*. It cannot inquire whether all the ceremonies of his installation were correctly performed. When such a Past Master desires admission among his fellows who have taken the degree, they alone have the means of knowing masonically whether he has taken the degree or not. If not, he is legally entitled to receive it, and it is their duty to confer it. We hold, in the same manner, that all the knowledge a Grand Chapter can have, whether a man is a High Priest or not, must be derived from the record of his installation and service, as such. Those in possession of this Order only can know masonically whether he has taken it or not. It is true that in these Councils a record is kept, and frequently certified to the Grand Chapter. But the latter must take it *on trust*; it can have no *Masonic knowledge* in the matter.

"Our conclusion is, that the Order should be deemed a qualification of a High Priest, and as instruction, to which every elected High Priest (except those to whom installation may for good reason be refused) is entitled, *as matter of right*, and which he should obtain at the earliest practicable period; that it can be conferred nowhere so well as in these Grand Councils; that they should be continued for that purpose, but should not attempt to exercise any discretion as to whether they would confer it or not upon qualified candidates, and hence should never ballot upon any application; and that the Grand Chapter has nothing whatever to do with it. But we think we would not make this the exclusive manner of receiving the Order; we would retain the practice in Virginia of allowing three Past High Priests to confer it at the time of installation. This would give the Grand High Priest the power (which he should possess) of seeing that the officers of Chapters are properly installed and instructed.

"In regard to the chronology, we think our Michigan Companies are clearly right in selecting the *time* from which to date; but we do not think they have adopted a proper name for the date. We do not believe in taking words *from different languages*, for such purpose. The Latin is used for Masonic dates in all other cases in the York Rite; and we would follow the same rule in this case: *Anno Benedictionis* seems to us much preferable to *Anno Beo Facio*."

M. E. Comp. Stephen J. Young, of Brunswick, was re-elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Ira Berry, of Portland, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 35 Chapters; 3,069 members; 381 exalted.

MARYLAND.

The Annual Convocation was held at Baltimore, November 14, 1870. M. E. Comp. Edward T. Schultz, Deputy Grand High Priest, presiding; Comp. Wm. A. Wentz, Grand Secretary.

The address of M. E. Comp. Ohr, who was detained at home by a severe accident, was read by the Deputy.

He says:

"During the past year I have been called to perform but few and unimportant official acts; harmony and fidelity have characterized and governed the Royal Craft of this Jurisdiction during the year, and a reasonable prosperity has crowned their efforts, and no sounds of discord have come to my knowledge."

The Grand Chapters of Delaware and Nova Scotia recognized.

The Grand Representative System recognized, and several Excellent Comps. presented their credentials as Grand Representatives.

The Committee on Work recommended the following resolution, which was accepted and the recommendation adopted:

"The Committee appointed to consider the propriety of separating the Council Degrees from the Chapter Work, respectfully recommend that no action be taken at this Convocation of the Grand Chapter tending toward a separation of the Council degrees from the other work of the Chapter."

Comp. H. L. Emmons, Jr., presents the report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters ; Illinois, for 1869, receives fraternal mention.

M. E. Comp. Chas. H. Ohr, re-elected Grand High Priest ; Comp. Wm. A. Wentz, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 10 Chapters ; 935 members ; 84 exaltations.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The well-executed Proceedings of this Grand Chapter contain the three Quarterly and the regular Annual Convocation, December 13, 1870. M. E. Comp. Henry Chickering, Grand High Priest ; Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand High Priest is an able document. He says :

"The past year has been one of almost uninterrupted prosperity, throughout our Jurisdiction, and we have the most abundant cause for thankfulness for the harmony that has prevailed, and for the steady growth and progress of our Order, in every part of the State."

Six dispensations had been granted for new Chapters, and five previously under dispensation chartered and constituted, while he says four others will make application at the present Convocation. Surely here is growth, of which he says :

"Which if natural and healthy, as I believe it is, we may feel truly grateful for, and take a just pride in. Let us not forget, however, that the greatest and most enduring strength does not always consist in *numbers*, and be careful that we find *positive* and not mere *negative* arguments for the establishment of new Chapters, as well as *positive* qualities of fitness and character in all candidates upon whom we confer the Sublime Degrees."

During the term of his office he had visited personally every Chapter in the State but one, of which he says :

"The work of Chapter visitation has been a severe tax on my time, and accompanied by considerable expense ; but it has given me a very good knowledge of the working condition of the Chapters throughout the State. It has been my aim to make thorough examination into the condition, mode of work, Records, By-Laws, etc., of all these Chapters, and, as your representative, in a spirit of kind, paternal as well as fraternal regard, to point out errors and defects, make such suggestions as their circumstances seemed to require, as well as to commend what deserved it."

Comp. John W. Dadmun presents an able report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters, filling about one hundred pages, in which Illinois, for 1869, receives attention. We would like to quote largely from this report, but time and space forbid. In conclusion he says :

"Without any attempt at flattery, we must say that the addresses of the Grand High Priests are fully up to that moral standard inculcated by the ritual of the Sublime Degrees of Royal Arch Masonry; and if the members of our Order live up to this standard, Masonry will survive the 'wreck of empires and the crush of worlds.' So we would say of the several Committees on Foreign Correspondence: all appear to vie with each other in demanding, not only strict conformity to the prescribed ritual, but a life exemplification of the moral principles of the Order.

"Great advantages must result from this system of Correspondence. All minor differences will be fully discussed, and when the old landmarks are ascertained and clearly defined, no local interests or prejudices will prevent a hearty acquiescence in them by all. The variety of talent exhibited in the reports, relieves the Proceedings of a great deal of that monotony which is more or less unavoidable in such documents. Then, let every Companion reporter have the largest liberty within the limits of Masonic courtesy. Variety is very desirable."

M. E. Comp. Henry Chickering, of Pittsfield, re-elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, of Boston, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 50 Chapters; 6,129 members; 664 exaltations.

MICHIGAN.

The twenty-second annual Convocation was held at Detroit, January 9, 10 and 11. M. E. Comp. Charles H. Brown, Grand High Priest, presiding. Sixty-six Chapters represented.

From the able address of the Grand High Priest we learn that he has issued dispensations for seven new Chapters.

He reports that for wilful violation of his O. B., Czar Jones, Past Grand High Priest, had been, after proper trial, suspended from all the rights and privileges of Capitular Masonry. In conclusion, he says:

"About this chamber I see many Companions whose kindly faces and greetings have cheered and enlivened us for many years. Nor does it escape me that time with busy fingers has been twining silver threads with our darker locks 'since first we were acquaint.' How swiftly go the flying years! Yes, my Companions, many of us have already passed the summit and are traveling down the westward slope of life. We have left its morning garlands, withered and dead by the wayside, far behind us. Tired and weary we have come in hither to 'rest and refresh ourselves,' 'perchance to hearken to a lesson that shall cheer us on our way.' Soon the roseate tints of the coming evening will steal along our western sky bidding us wrap our mantles the closer around our weary limbs to guard them from the chilling dews of declining day. Thus may we travel along together until we come down to the banks of that deep flowing river beyond whose dark current are the peaceful abodes of the blest. And should we be permitted to pause before crossing to the other shore, may the consciousness of a well grounded hope enable us to wave a glad farewell to those who yet tarry behind, and then trustingly to cross from the turmoil and labors of earth to perfect and eternal rest beneath the pleasant shade on the other side."

Comp. J. Eastman Johnson presents an able review of thirty-two Grand Chapters, in which Illinois for 1869 receives fraternal mention.

M. E. Comp. Hugh McCurdy, of Corunna, was elected Grand High Priest ; Comp. J. Eastman Johnson, of Centreville, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 75 Chapters ; 5,560 members ; 504 exaltations.

MINNESOTA.

The tenth annual Convocation was held at St. Paul, January 10, 1871. M. E. Comp. E. D. B. Porter, Grand High Priest, presiding. Sixteen Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is an epitome of his official acts. He has appointed representatives to twenty-three Grand Chapters ; issued dispensations for two new Chapters ; has visited all the Chapters but three in the Jurisdiction, all of which he reports in as prosperous condition as could be desired ; recommends the creation of the office of Grand Lecturer ; that a tax be made on the several subordinates to secure a reprint of the Proceedings ; and finally suggests a regulation requiring proficiency in each degree before advancement.

M. E. Comp. A. T. C. Pierson presents his usual able report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of thirty-five Grand Chapters, in which Illinois for 1869 receives attention.

M. E. Comp. G. W. Merrill elected Grand High Priest ; Comp. Wm. S. Combs, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 19 Chapters ; 968 members ; 126 exaltations.

MISSISSIPPI.

The twenty-third annual Convocation was held at Vicksburg, January 20, 1871. M. E. Comp. Robert B. Mayes, Grand High Priest, presiding. Sixty-eight subordinates represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is able both in matter and manner, from which we make a few extracts :

"When we parted, twelve months ago, many of you were impressed with the belief that you would see my face no more in the flesh. And if I could have yielded to the lassitude of sickness, it is highly probable that I would have passed beneath the Royal Arch which spans the vestibule of the unseen world. But daily toils, to which my strength seemed inadequate, but which my necessities exacted, though an apparent evil, proved a real blessing, in restoring me to the greater blessing of comparative health. Thus, in the dispensation of our Heavenly Father, it frequently occurs that

'Behind a frowning Providence
He hides a smiling face.'

"If, beneath the primal curse, a merciful Creator had not concealed a blessing, the primal blessing would have been a curse ; for why should man desire to replenish the earth with a posterity foredoomed to eat of it all the days of their

lives, in sorrow and the sweat of the face, if benediction did not fall on earthly toil and temporal affliction? Accordingly we find that there is purgatory virtue in affliction, and that labor gives health to the body, cheerfulness to the mind, and zest to repose."

And another :

"So close is the relation between the duties of Masonry and the temporal duties of religion, that those who are most faithful to their religious profession are ever most true to their Masonic obligations. The vicious tendencies which close our hearts to God, harden them to our fellow-men. Especially does 'covetousness, which is idolatry,' at once dethrone God, substituting self as the centre of the universal circle, and thrust our fellow-men and fellow-Masons into a circumference too distant for the scope of our contracted sympathies. The insatiate hunger and thirst for corruptible and corrupting riches, which pervade all classes of our people, have caused the cooling of Masonic fervency. Let the indigent Mason reflect that poverty is not earth's greatest ill ; the affluent Mason, that wealth is not the greatest earthly good. Let both, remembering the counsel of our great Masonic brother, 'gather gear' —

' Not for to hide it in a hedge,
Nor for a brain attendant ;
But for the glorious privilege
Of being independent ;'

and, permit me to add, for the blessed privilege of relieving distress. For, to quote from another of Scotland's great intellectual lights, speaking in the character of an humble Scottish maiden : 'When the hour of trouble comes * * and when the hour of death comes, that comes to high and low, * * it is nae what we have done for ourselves, but what we have done for others, that we think on most pleasantly.

"Companions, how will our actions, during the last twelve months, bear comparison with the benevolent teachings of our ritual, the several points of our obligation? How many acts of generosity, of self-sacrifice, of Masonic brotherhood and sympathy, have been performed? Nay, rather, how many golden opportunities for the exercise of Masonic virtue have we permitted to pass without improvement? This is a more profitable theme for meditation ; for the review of the small measure of good which we perform may engender that spirit which says : 'God, I thank thee that I am not as other men ;' while the contemplation of our shortcomings may incite that better spirit which causes one to smite upon his breast, saying : 'God be merciful to me a sinner.'"

Of Special Dispensation to confer degrees, he says :

"Two other M. E. High Priests made similar applications, which were refused for reasons assigned. In both instances, the applications were based on some advantage or gratification to accrue to the Brothers to be exalted ; not on any benefit to Royal Arch Masonry, or to the particular Chapters. In reading the addresses of the Grand High Priests of other Jurisdictions, I notice that dispen-

sations to confer the degrees 'out of time,' or as they may well be designated, *untimely* exaltations, are always granted, but that an apology is nearly always deemed necessary for such exercise of power. This circumstance led me to reflect upon the subject, and to conclude that it is better to seem ungracious in refusing to do what can never be done without apology. I therefore determined not to grant such dispensations, unless for the benefit of Chapters. Perhaps it would be better to refuse in all cases, for it is seldom that ill will result from a little delay, while it frequently results from too great haste."

Of the use of substitutes :

"A solemn promise is made by every High Priest, before his installation, 'that he will never suffer his Chapter to be opened, unless there be present nine regular Royal Arch Masons.' Of this you approve. But, in the next breath, the High Priest elect promises 'that he will never [suffer either more or less than three brethren to be exalted in his Chapter at one and the same time.' These promises stand on the same footing in the installation ceremony, and harmonize equally with the Royal Arch ritual and lecture, which impose the like obligations on every Royal Arch Mason. What is there in 'the symbolic and figurative character' of Masonry, which discharges a Royal Arch Mason from one of these obligations rather than the other? If any emergency justifies the violation of the second, why may not the first be disregarded in an equal emergency?"

From the report of the Grand Secretary it would seem that the Grand Chapter was in bad condition financially, and yet the Committee on Finance report increased pay.

Comp. W. S. Patton presents the report on Correspondence, in which he ably reviews the Proceedings of thirty-three Grand Chapters, Illinois for 1869 among the number.

M. E. Comp. Charles T. Bond, of New Albany, was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. J. L. Power, of Jackson, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 72 Chapters ; 2,433 members ; 167 exaltations.

MISSOURI.

The twenty-fourth annual Convocation was held at St. Louis, October 5, 1870. M. E. Comp. John F. Houston, Grand High Priest, presiding. Forty-three Chapters represented.

From the excellent address of the Grand High Priest, we transfer the following passages :

"On the 16th day of the present month, nearly twenty-five years ago, the representatives of four chartered Chapters met in Masonic Hall, in the then small city of St. Louis, and constituted the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the State of Missouri. Our present venerable and much loved Grand Treasurer was a member of the convention, and has contributed greatly toward making the Grand Chapter what we claim for her to-day. Within the sacred precincts of fifty-four

chartered and thirteen U. D. Chapters, scarcely a sound is heard save the busy hum of harmonious labor, and, in many portions of our Grand Jurisdiction, zealous companions are asking for authority to erect 'Temporary Tabernacles,' to serve as 'coverings' for the portion of that mighty wave of population pressing in upon us from the eastern and northern portions of our continent, who are able to prove themselves 'lineal descendants,' in possession of the necessary information to pass the veils of the same."

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"But a few years have elapsed, my Companions, since our fathers made their appearance in this beautiful valley; the richest and, by nature, the most beautiful on the face of the globe. Then it was the abode of the prowling beast of the forest and the wild, untutored Indian. What now do we see? The advance of science, the increase of intelligence, and the spread of knowledge, have congregated here over three hundred and twelve thousand souls, and thousands are coming who have but as yesterday heard of our delightful abode, of the peaceful homes and pleasant vineyards of our adopted Judah, beside the flow of that mighty river whose waters, fifty years ago, had only been disturbed by the floating barge or the Indian canoe."

Dispensations had been issued for eleven new Chapters, which, with four holding over from last Convocation, makes a total of fifteen, added to the list of Chapters.

The Grand High Priest favors the use of substitutes. He thus speaks of intemperance and profanity:

"There is also another subject which should claim our most earnest attention, and that is, intemperance in the use of ardent spirits and profanity. Can nothing be done to check the one and prohibit the other? Intemperance has swayed the fortunes of men long enough. Its high pretensions in soothing the sorrows and blunting the afflictions of our race are no longer accredited amongst men. Instead of its acting as a balm and a cordial in mitigating the woes that fester the human heart, and thereby release the broken and wounded spirit, it but adds to the tortures of our pilgrimage on earth and leaves the soul exposed to the terrors of the future in unmitigable despair. With this fact kept steadily in view, and with a grateful recognition of that good Providence who smiles upon our Order, let us at once address ourselves with Masonic unselfishness to the duty of beseeching and imploring our Companions to cease from self-immolation; to cease the indulgence of a practice that will, like the blasting and blighting Sirocco of the desert, wither and parch the most lovely and exalted name that ever wore human form, and dry up the holiest and noblest fountain that ever gushed forth from the heart or bosom of man.

"There is scarcely a practice indulged in by any member of our brotherhood more reprehensible than the one of profaning that name which, as Royal Arch Masons, we communicate with such solemn and profound veneration. Sir Isaac Newton, that distinguished philosopher, whose cloister was the silent but never-ending round of experiment and prayerful study, never, under any circumstances,

permitted himself to pronounce the name of God without first uncovering, and then only with that reverential awe which should characterize those who profess to put their trust in Him. How a companion Royal Arch Mason can expect to demonstrate to the unlearned the high and holy precepts which he has gathered on his passage from the quarry to the time of the rebuilding, and, at the same time, publicly, on the street corners and in the market places, profanely use the name of Jehovah, is, to me, 'incomprehensible and past finding out.' No, my Companions, in doing so you lose much of self-respect and individual character, and I beseech you to ponder these matters well, and cease from a repetition of so fatal a delusion."

And in conclusion says :

"Now, my Companions, I have submitted an imperfect and desultory account of my stewardship, the last, probably, that I shall ever be required to submit within an earthly 'Tabernacle,' and I fraternally ask an interest in the prayers of all sincere Royal Arch Masons, that I may so live that when this earthly tabernacle shall be dissolved, I may have a home not made with hands—eternal in the Heavens."

And the Grand Secretary adds in a note :

"It was the last.—Companion J. F. Houston died in the city of St. Louis, December 5, 1870, in the 47th year of his age."

The work of the Grand Chapter was exemplified by the Grand Lecturer.

Comp. Geo. Frank Gouley presents an able report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of thirty-two Grand Bodies. Illinois for 1869 receives attention.

In conclusion he says :

"We are glad to be able to state that Royal Arch Masonry is keeping pace with the system of which it is a beautiful and essential part. Harmony still sits enthroned within her veils, and the blessings of Masonic light radiate from her altars. Errors are being rapidly corrected, and each year finds us nearer to that point of harmonious action with the landmarks of Ancient Craft Masonry upon which the Arch is founded. The effort to prove that, after a man is a Master Mason, he may be physically deformed ever so much without disqualification for the Chapter degrees, has fortunately been almost abandoned. The necessity of thoroughly learning the work, through effective systems of Grand and Assistant Lecturers, is meeting the approval of nearly all Grand Chapters; and, from the reports of Grand High Priests and Lecturers, we are satisfied that the unworthy and childish practice of trying to make a burlesque of any part of our beautiful and solemn degrees is meeting with the contempt and punishment it deserves.

"A few years more of energetic action upon the part of the proper authorities must result in placing Royal Arch Masonry, in the United States, upon an enviable pedestal. When Freemasons learn that Freemasonry is a sublime science, to implant wise and serious truths upon immortal minds; that it is a philosophy

teaching principles which bear a close affinity to the Eternal Godhead, and that each candidate is a neophyte seeking the light which shall guide him through the doctrinal labyrinth of the world to the open haven of individual action and responsibility, then they will realize the solemnity of a Masonic degree, and will assist in conferring it with that spirit which the occasion demands. We are glad to know and see that this idea permeates the institution to-day, and it is only necessary to implant it upon the human heart and it will become eternal."

M. E. Comp. J. M. Fox, of St. Joseph, elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 67 Chapters; 3,009 members; 478 exaltations.

NEBRASKA.

The fourth annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Plattsmouth, June 20, 1871. M. E. Comp. E. A. Allen, Deputy Grand High Priest, presiding. Four Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is entirely local. One dispensation granted.

Comp. R. W. Furnas, from the Committee on Correspondence, reported having received the Proceedings of twenty Grand Chapters, and asked time to complete his report, which said report does not appear in the Proceedings.

The Committee on Uniformity of Work reported that they had agreed upon a work and were ready to exemplify it, but owing to the extreme heat the exemplification was dispensed with, and the work adopted.

M. E. Comp. E. A. Allen, of Omaha, was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. R. W. Furnas, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 6 Chapters; 264 members; 21 exaltations.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Annual Convocation was held at Concord, May 16, 1871. M. E. Comp. John A. Harris, Grand High Priest, presiding. Thirteen Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, says:

"It gives me pleasure to say that the utmost harmony continues to prevail throughout this Jurisdiction. No notes of discord are heard. No words of complaint have reached me during the year.

"So carefully were the foundations of the Royal Arch Bodies of New Hampshire laid at their origin, so cautious and discreet has been the course of the several Chapters, that during the long period of sixty-four years, the time which has elapsed since Chapters were first organized in this State, dissensions have been unknown.

"We have cause for gratitude to the Supreme Ruler that this Grand Chapter has been able to preserve, amid the vicissitudes of time, an unbroken existence for more than half a century; that so many illustrious Masons, distinguished for their knowledge of the Royal Art and for their practice of the pure and sublime teachings of Masonry, have been connected with this Grand Body.

"Great is our obligation to our predecessors, who took such interest in Royal Arch Masonry, and so faithfully transmitted it to those whom they deemed worthy to be entrusted therewith. Let us sacredly regard and obey their instructions and our own duty by carefully studying the various matters, all full of meaning, pertaining to the Degrees conferred in our Chapters, by guarding them against even the slightest innovation, and by transmitting to our successors the work and lectures in their original purity."

And, in conclusion :

"Companions, let us ever bear in mind the duties devolving upon us as Royal Arch Masons; let us carefully protect this Grand Chapter and the several Chapters within its Jurisdiction, gratefully remembering the many pleasant associations and valuable instructions they have afforded; let us strictly adhere, even in regard to details that might seem comparatively unimportant, to the work and lectures as handed down to us.

"Masonry, essentially different from societies which change to meet the requirements of the passing hour, is unaffected by the events transpiring around it. Designed not for a day or a generation, it stands from age to age upon a basis where men differing on all minor questions may unite. Masonry should stand, as it has heretofore stood, aloof from all else, paying no heed to anything not strictly pertaining to itself. Even the attacks of its enemies are not to be regarded. Standing by itself, its treasures perpetuated in the heart and brain, its teachings quietly carried into practice wherever want or sickness may require, Masonry has nothing to fear from any outside influence.

"We should be careful to admit none among us but those who will fully appreciate the sublime teachings and principles of the institution. Never should we be influenced in the least by the desire to increase our numbers. Merit should be the only test, and all applicants deemed unworthy should be refused admission, however high or influential their position in any of the various spheres of life. Better that we have a small and united band, true and faithful, disposed to thoroughly study Masonry and carry into practice its lessons of philanthropy, than a large number ignorant of its work and lectures, or indifferent to its teachings.

"Let us sacredly guard the important trust committed for a brief period to our charge; and when our labors in these earthly Chapters are over, as they soon will be, may it be found that our work has been such as to meet the approval of the Supreme High Priest above."

The following resolution was adopted :

"No dispensation shall hereafter be granted to confer the degrees within the gift of Subordinate Chapters in less time than is provided in the Grand Regulations."

Comp. Joseph W. Fellows presents the report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the Proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Chapters; Illinois, for 1870, receives fraternal attention.

M. E. Comp. John A. Harris, was elected Grand High Priest ; Comp. Abel Hutchins, Grand Secretary, both of Concord.

Statistics : 17 Chapters ; 1,804 members ; 126 exaltations.

NEW JERSEY.

The fourteenth Annual Convocation was held at Trenton, September 14, 1870. M. E. Comp. D. S. Battey, Grand High Priest ; M. E. Comp. John Woolverton, Grand Secretary. Nineteen Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, says of the prosperity of the Order :

" It is a pleasure with me to offer to the Grand Chapter my congratulations on the continued prosperity of the Order throughout the Jurisdiction, not only as regards the accession of numbers to our membership, but also by the addition of two Subordinate Chapters.

" It is also gratifying to announce that nothing has occurred during the year to mar the general prosperity, or blight the rising hopes of our extended Order. Peace and harmony reign throughout the Jurisdiction. And, cheered on our course by such pleasing considerations, may we not anticipate that our legislation will be characterized in its immediate, as well as remote effects, by a reference to the great responsibilities that rest upon us ? "

He notices the death of Past Deputy Grand High Priest, Daniel A. Holmes, and says :

" Life is to us all a wearisome journey. We meet with sunshine and storm, with light and darkness, with pleasure and pain. Yet it is a pleasant thing to live, to fold about us the love, the sympathies, the endearments of throbbing hearts ; it is a sad thing to bury our dear ones and friends out of sight, pillowing their heads in the silent grave. But even in death, lessons of wisdom are unfolded to us, and within the cemetery gates pearls of knowledge may be gathered ; and happy are they who are wise enough so to do.

" Death is no respecter of persons. With him every mortal is a victim—and when they shall fall, or how they shall fall, matters not to him. He obeys orders, and strikes just when and how he is told. Let it be ours so to live, that when our summons comes from the Great I Am, to join with those who have preceded us, we may approach the grave in the full consciousness of having performed our duties well, and die in the hope of a glorious immortality."

Dispensations granted to form two new Chapters.

Of the secrecy of the ballot, he says :

" Intimately connected with this subject, is the secrecy of the ballot, one of the landmarks of Masonry, and a member is responsible to no human power for the vote which he casts on the petition of a candidate. To his own conscience and to his God, is he alone to answer for the motives which led him to act, and for the act itself.

" Yet it is wrong, nay it is absolutely wicked, in the exercise of this invaluable

privilege, to be influenced by pique or prejudice, or even by an adverse vote, to indulge an ungenerous thought. But whether influenced or not by such motives, no one has the right to inquire. No one can be called to an account for the ballot he has cast; no one is entitled to know how another has voted; no inquiry can be entertained; no information can be received.

"These are plain, palpable truths, and well will it be for us all to be governed and guided by them in all matters pertaining to the subject of the ballot."

The Grand Representative System approved and adopted, and the Grand High Priest authorized to make such appointments.

Comp. Thomas J. Corson presents a very full report on the transactions of thirty-six Grand Chapters, reviewing them in his usual humorous style; Illinois, for 1869, receives attention. We are not of the faith of one in another Jurisdiction, who says there is nothing in the report worth noticing, but would gladly quote freely from the report, did time and space permit; but our friend at my elbow says, make the report short. As Comp. Corson apologizes for his shortcomings in his conclusion, we give it notice:

"And now, Companions, in concluding our annual offering to you, we can conscientiously say that we have labored earnestly to make our report thorough, and to present such matters from the Proceedings of other Jurisdictions as are of interest and benefit to all. We have quoted freely—possibly too freely—and have been sparing of comment. (Our last report contained but one-sixth original matter to five-sixths of quotations.) We have been chary of giving expression to our own views, and have tried in all cases to express ourselves courteously. We would not willingly compromise the dignity of this Grand Chapter, for its reputation is as dear to us as our own. It is more than possible that our love of fun may have led us into the use of too free, and even trivial language. But we all know that 'no one is wise at all times.' Words may have been hastily written which more mature reflection would cause to be excluded. But who has not done the same? 'Sometimes even Homer nods.' If we have exceeded the bounds of angular propriety, let it be remembered that '*Dulce est desipere in loco.*'*

"Of fools this world hath such great store,
That he who would not see an ass
Must stay at home, and bolt his door,
And break his looking-glass."

"We have not hesitated to criticize, and to respond to the criticisms of our brother reporters. If St. Paul fought wild beasts at Ephesus, surely we ought to be permitted to rebuke very gently some of the descendants of these ferocious animals, particularly those who snap, snarl and growl at whatever does not please them. But, after all, the attacks of these witless windies do no harm, and as they seem to be amused thereby, they ought to be allowed to have their innocent recreation.

"However, the report is in your hands, to be dealt with as you may think proper.

* It is sweet to play the fool in the right place. The liberal translation would be: It is sweet for a loco loco to play the fool.—*Printer's Devil.*

You can amend, abridge, erase or change, as you may find necessary. It has been prepared for your benefit, and we desire that it shall suit you. Some reporters, instead of making free extracts, as we have done, content themselves with bestowing words of commendation upon the Proceedings examined by them, and recommending their Companions to read the addresses, etc., for themselves, forgetting, or seeming to forget, that these Proceedings cannot be obtained by all who would like to read them. The pamphlets submitted to us contain over 3,500 pages, and each one has been carefully examined. It is extremely probable that we have failed to do justice to all, but we have not wilfully done injustice to any. We have done our best, and if the result should prove satisfactory to you, we shall be more than pleased.

“ From every quarter come heart-cheering sounds of harmony and prosperity. Discord has no abiding place in our Temple. The Royal Craft never was in such good condition as at present. This should stimulate us all to a more strict observance of the duties devolving upon us, that we may not bring disgrace upon our beloved Institution. There are times when duty appears so hard, and sinful indulgence so pleasant, that our feet seem to stand on slippery places, and we are ready to cry out, ‘ Lord, save us, we perish.’ But let us ever bear in mind that duty leads to delight, while sin sows sorrow and reaps suffering. When we are overwhelmed with doubts, fears, despondencies, anxieties and alarms, our agonized souls send up the sad suspiration :

“ ‘ The way is dark, my Father ! Cloud on cloud
Is gathering thickly o’er my head, and loud
The thunders roar above me. See, I stand
Like one bewildered. Father, take my hand,
And through the gloom
Lead safely home
Thy child !

The day goes fast, my Father ! and the night
Is drawing darkly down. My faithless sight
Sees ghostly visions. Fears, a spectral band,
Encompass me. O Father ! take my hand,
And from the night
Lead up to light
Thy child !

The way is long, my Father ! and my soul
Longs for the rest and quiet of the goal :
While yet I journey through this weary land,
Keep me from wandering. Father, take my hand
Quickly and straight
Lead to heaven’s gate
Thy child !

The path is rough, my Father ! Many a thorn
Has pierced me ; and my weary feet, all torn
And bleeding, mark the way. Yet thy command
Bids me press forward. Father, take my hand
Then, safe and blest,
Lead up to rest
Thy child !

The throng is great, my Father! Many a doubt
And fear and danger compass me about,
And foes oppress me sore. I cannot stand
Or go alone. O Father, take my hand,
And through the throng
Lead safe along
Thy child!

The cross is heavy, Father! I have borne
It long, and still do bear it. Let my worn
And fainting spirit rise to that blest land
Where crowns are given. Father, take my hand,
And, reaching down,
Lead to the crown
Thy child!

“ But if we manfully do our duty—if we live in accordance with our professions
—if we place our firm reliance upon the Lion of the tribe of Judah, all doubts
will vanish, all fears will be dissipated, and our souls will be cheered, our hearts
gladdened, and our spirits invigorated by the gracious answer to our earnest
prayer:

“ The way is dark, my child! but leads to light.
I would not always have thee walk by sight.
My dealings now thou canst not understand.
I meant it so; but I will take thy hand,
And through the gloom
Lead safely home
My child!

The day goes fast, my child! But is the night
Darker to me than day? In me is light!
Keep close to me, and every spectral band
Of fears shall vanish. I will take thy hand,
And through the night
Lead up to light
My child!

The way is long, my child! But it shall be
Not one step longer than is best for thee;
And thou shalt know, at last, when thou shalt stand
Safe at the goal, how I did take thy hand,
And quick and straight
Lead to heaven's gate
My child!

The path is rough, my child! But oh! how sweet
Will be the rest, for weary pilgrims meet,
When thou shalt reach the borders of that land
To which I lead thee, as I take thy hand,
And, safe and blest,
With me shalt rest,
My child!

The throng is great, my child ! But at thy side
 Thy Father walks ; then be not terrified,
 For I am with thee ; will thy foes command
 To let thee freely pass ; will take thy hand,
 And through the throng
 Lead safe along
 My child !

The cross is heavy, child ! Yet there was One
 Who bore a heavier for thee : my Son,
 My Well-beloved. For Him bear thine ; and stand
 With Him at last ; then from thy Father's hand,
 Thy cross laid down,
 Receive a crown,
 My child ! ”

M. E. Comp. Marcus Higginbotham was elected Grand High Priest ; Comp. John Woolverton, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 24 Chapters ; 1,602 members ; 258 exaltations.

NEW YORK.

The seventy-fourth annual Convocation was held at Albany, February 9, 1871. M. E. Comp. John W. Simons, presiding. One hundred and sixty-eight Chapters represented.

The Masonic reputation and known ability of the Grand High Priest, is a sufficient guaranty of the excellence of his address.

He says in his opening :

“ The agreement to live in love and unity is the summing up of the Masonic ideal, and carries with it not only the thought of peaceful and harmonious relations among ourselves, and the pleasant emulation of sincere fraternal unity, but suggests the effort and the sacrifice which we assume, each for himself, when, at the altars of Masonry, we receive the mystic benison of the Craft. To do and to suffer is the common lot of humanity ; but to bear the suffering of a brother, and so to labor that the result of our work may redound rather to the interest and prosperity of the Fraternity than to those of the individual workman, is the precept and example of Masonry. Wherever this dogma is understood and practiced, peace and harmony will prevail, and the craftsmen, instead of wasting their zeal and energy in vain bickerings and enervating strife, will be strong in their union, and, in a corresponding degree, the work will prosper in their hands, and redound to the greater glory of the Father.

“ During the Masonic year which we have met to review, the ideal of Masonic teaching has governed in the household of the Royal Craft, the most harmonious relations have prevailed, and there has been a most satisfactory degree of prosperity. The Angel of Death, which has entered so many households, severed so many relations, and left so many hearts to mourn, has passed by this Grand Chapter, and we meet with unbroken ranks, to clasp the friendly hand and take pleasant counsel together. I but reflect your thoughts when I say, that we ought and do most reverently and sincerely unite in ascriptions of praise and thanksgiv-

ing to the Ancient of Days, whose protecting care has upheld us, and whose blessing has rested upon our labors."

Dispensations were issued for six new Chapters, and two applications refused. The Grand Lecture system has his approval:

"The method of imparting instruction to the Chapters in the work and lectures, through the Grand Lecturer, has proved in practice to be eminently successful and satisfactory. Thirty Chapters have made application to me for his services, and he has spent over forty weeks in actual instruction. I entertain no doubt whatever that the Chapters in this Jurisdiction are now as fully capable of doing good work as any that can be found wherever Royal Arch Masonry is cultivated."

He thus closes a long argument in favor of the General Grand Chapter:

"I repeat, Companions, that no act of this Grand Chapter can be tortured into the most distant approval of the plan which looks forward to undoing the work of a century, and casting to the winds that moral tower of strength which rests upon the General Grand Chapter; and I know that your respect for your vows and for the memory of the many faithful laborers who one by one have passed from your midst, leaving you to carry forward the work they had so well begun, will make you in the future what you have been in the past—faithful and true to the end. Still I desire, while yet I have authority to speak in your name, to urge that the Companions who may have your authority to speak for and represent you in the approaching Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, be armed with such an expression of opinion as shall enable them to say that New York holds no divided allegiance, entertains no unreasoning prejudices, harbors no degrading suspicions, permits no unworthy jealousies, but casts her lot, where her oath has preceded her, freely and frankly with the General Grand Chapter, and determines that, so far as her influence goes, Royal Arch Masonry in this country shall be one and inseparable, now and forever."

And in conclusion:

"And now, Companions, as we enter upon our labors, let us endeavor, as in the past, to be guided by the same conservative spirit which is written on every page of your history as a Grand Chapter, seeking to maintain whatever is wholesome and needed in our laws, and avoiding all undue interference with our subordinates, as well as all legislation, the only possible use of which can be to cumber the statute book and mislead and annoy the Companions. And when the few hours we can be together shall have passed away, and we separate, never perhaps all to meet again on earth, may it be given to each of us to feel that we have earnestly and faithfully striven to discharge our whole duty."

The following decisions were reported by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and adopted:

"III. We have considered the interrogatory submitted to us, 'Can a proposed amendment to the Constitution be laid on the table, or otherwise arrested in the

proper constitutional course, by vote of the Grand Chapter, or decision of the Grand High Priest?' and answer decidedly in the affirmative.

"IV. The question is also submitted to us, 'Is a High Priest, who has been regularly elected and installed, but who has not received the order of High Priesthood, competent to install the officers of a Chapter?' Our reply is in the negative. If, as decided by the Grand Chapter, the possession of the order of High Priesthood and its solemn anointing is necessary to qualify a High Priest for the discharge of his duties, then much more should it be necessary for him to be thus qualified legally to confer that high power upon another. It is no objection to the conditions of this rule, that it may sometimes work inconvenience; and we are confident that it is the only safe rule and sound principle by which to be guided, while the imperative rule of the Royal Craft requires him to be anointed in order to be fully qualified for his office."

The following resolution in reference to the General Grand Chapter adopted:

"*Resolved*, That our representatives in the General Grand Chapter be and are hereby instructed to solemnly protest against and oppose any attempts for its dissolution, and are earnestly requested to propose such measures, either by amendment to its Constitution or otherwise, as will enable it to accomplish the high powers and duties for which it was constituted."

Comp. Joseph White presents the report on Correspondence, reviewing the Proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters. Illinois for 1869 receives fraternal notice.

M. E. Comp. Rees G. Williams was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Christopher G. Fox, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 179 Chapters; 15,733 members; 1,927 exaltations.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The twenty-third Annual Convocation, held at Wilmington, June 5, 1871. M. E. Comp. William Murdock, presiding. Twelve Chapters represented.

From the short and local address of the Grand High Priest, we cull the following in reference to the General Grand Chapter:

"The General Grand Chapter meets in Baltimore in September next, and I trust you will adopt measures to have this body there represented.

"With all due deference to my excellent Companions who are here or elsewhere, as well as to the sacred memory of those who have gone to receive their wages, I must state that I sincerely think they erred in advocating and voting for our withdrawal from the General Grand Chapter. I think duty requires us to be of its number, and we are denying ourselves a privilege by absenting from its deliberations.

"I therefore earnestly recommend that the resolution adopted by this Grand Body in 1857, withdrawing from the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, be repealed, and that we be represented at its next Triennial Convocation."

The following resolution was adopted :

" *Resolved*, That the resolution adopted by this Grand Body in 1857, withdrawing from the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter be, and the same is hereby repealed : *Provided, always*, That final action on this resolution shall be deferred till the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter ; and that, in the meantime, this Grand Chapter take immediate steps to secure its representation in the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter."

Comp. John Nichols presents the report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of twenty-eight Grand Chapters ; Illinois, for 1870, receives his attention. In conclusion he says :

" Our labors, although performed under the most adverse circumstances, have, nevertheless, been pleasant, and we trust profitable, for it cannot be otherwise than instructive to peruse the Proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters, presided over, and their deliberations participated in, by the ablest Craftsmen of the country.

" Our greatest regret is that we had not more time to devote to the preparation of this report, or that the task had not been committed to abler hands and more experienced heads."

His maiden effort he says, we say well done.

M. E. Comp. John Nichols, elected Grand High Priest ; Comp. Thomas B. Carr, Grand Secretary.

We have looked in vain for any statistical table.

OHIO.

The fifty-fourth annual Convocation held at Cincinnati, September 13, 1870. M. E. Comp. Charles C. Keifer, Grand High Priest, presiding. One hundred Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest in his address congratulates the Grand Chapter that

" Continued prosperity has attended us, and, so far as I am advised, not a single note of discord has been heard among the workers in our mystic temple."

He notices in appropriate terms the death of Comp. Matthews, a prominent member of the Grand Body, and for several years Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, who died at Cincinnati, March 16.

Dispensations had been issued for six new Chapters.

The Grand High Priest favors the striking out the Past Master's Degree, for the following five reasons :

" *First*. Its original design was not a degree (nor was it so used), but an *honor* or *distinction* conferred on the incumbent of an office.

" *Second*. It has no elements of a *degree*. It is simply the ceremony of induct-

ing a Master into his office. There is nothing about it necessarily secret, except its covenant and means of recognition. The *latter* are practically useless.

"*Third.* It is of no interest to one passing through the Chapter, because there is nothing of importance communicated, either in itself or relatively to other degrees, besides it adds to the expense and labor, while it only cumbers the way to the 'Holy Royal Arch.' The order of Priesthood can only be conferred on those elected High Priests. It is *their* exclusive privilege. In harmony with that arrangement, the *honor* of 'Past Master' should be the exclusive property of Masters or Past Masters of Lodges.

"*Fourth.* The only possible objection to its abrogation is, that the covenant every Royal Arch Mason has taken is in the way; and yet I believe that the power or body, that *enacted* the law requiring it, can *repeal* the law, and release from the claims created in the past. It is an *enacted*, not an *original*, *necessary*, or *inherent* law.

"*Fifth.* So modified, with the 'Past Master's Degree' confined to Masters of Lodges, our American system would be simplified — more in harmony with itself. So modified, in a few years no one would be found who would have it restored under any consideration."

Comp. J. Kelly O'Neal presents a well written report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the Proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Bodies. Illinois for 1869 receives attention. The printer must have made a sad mistake in reading the name of the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. In conclusion he says:

"Our task is done. It has been our desire to give a faithful picture of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry within the jurisdiction of the several Grand Chapters whose Proceedings have come to our hands. The labor was commenced with many misgivings of our ability satisfactorily to discharge the duty imposed upon us — to confine the report within reasonable limits, and yet do justice to all. If we have failed, we ask our Companions to extend to us that charity which covers a multitude of sins. The labor bestowed has been a labor of love, and has richly repaid the time and attention required for its accomplishment. The Proceedings of the Grand Bodies presided over and conducted by the ablest and the most experienced craftsmen of our country, cannot be otherwise than instructive. The pleasure derived from their perusal we have enjoyed; the benefits, to the extent of our powers, we give to our Companions."

M. E. Comp. Chas. C. Kiefer, of Dayton, re-elected Grand High Priest; Comp. James Nesbitt, of Troy, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 125 Chapters; 6,327 members; 679 exaltations.

OREGON.

The eleventh Annual Convocation was held at Salem, June 16, 1871. M. E. Comp. James R. Bayley, Grand High Priest, presiding. Four Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, congratulates the Grand Chapter upon the favorable circumstances under which they have assembled :

" I congratulate you upon the favorable circumstances under which we assemble. Continued prosperity has attended us, and, so far as I am advised, not a single note of discord has been heard from the workers in our Mystic Temple."

Comp. T. McF. Patton submits an able report on Correspondence, covering over one hundred pages, and reviewing the transactions of thirty-three Grand Chapters ; Illinois, for 1870, receives attention.

He thus addresses the General Grand Chapter :

" From the opinions expressed in the various reports on Correspondence and Grand High Priests' addresses, we learn that this General Grand Body is liable to be dissolved. Your Committee dislike very much to express an opinion either for or against an institution when we know so little about it. This may appear to many as a case of wilful ignorance, but we will venture the assertion that not one in twenty in this Jurisdiction has ever seen or read a word emanating from this distinguished body, published by themselves. Their light has never reached this far-off land—their whole energies appear to have been expended on those who have exhibited symptoms of uneasiness and expressed a desire to be released ; or, in other words, have shown a disposition to *secede*. During the eleven years of our existence as a Grand Chapter we have been treated with indifference. What information we have acquired concerning their acts has been from outside sources, and not from any of their authenticated Proceedings.

" In view of this cold treatment on the part of those distinguished Companions towards us, our love for this General Grand Body has grown correspondingly cold, and judging the future by the past, we are inclined to the opinion that it does not require our sympathy or co-operation in any way or manner.

" Several distinguished Companions are earnest in their endeavors to heal all dissensions, and secure for it that co-operation and influence which will make it perpetual, while others, equally as earnest, are determined to secure a peaceful dissolution, at the next Triennial Convocation."

He offers this apology in conclusion :

" Companions, our task is now complete. We accepted the duty imposed, with many misgivings as to our fitness for the position, and our ability to prepare a report with any degree of satisfaction to ourselves, much less to our Companions whom we represent.

" It is a new business to us, not being professional reporters, doctors, lawyers or editors. We have performed the labor without experience, and we think by the time we read the reviews of our several correspondents on this report, we will have a more comprehensive view of the situation. If we get elected by the ' Mutual Admirationists'—we do not expect to make the raffle with the ease and elegance which characterized the admission of Comp. Isaacs, of Virginia—we expect not only a black eye, but a bruised head ; and in anticipation of this, have secured the professional services of Comp. Corson, as chief of our medical staff,

who, with his tonics, plasters and poetry, will soon restore us to health and happiness."

M. E. Comp. James R. Bayley, re-elected Grand High Priest; Comp. R. P. Earhart, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 5 Chapters; 176 members; 5 exaltations.

RHODE ISLAND.

The seventy-third annual Convocation was held at Providence, March 14, 1871. M. E. Comp. Thomas A. Doyle, Grand High Priest, presiding. Nine chartered and one Chapter under dispensation represented.

The sixth annual address of Grand High Priest Doyle, reports their

"Few subordinates as prospering, and in all of them harmony has reigned undisturbed."

He thus notices the death of an aged member of the Grand Chapter:

"Since our last annual Convocation but one member of this Grand Chapter has been called from earth. On the 25th of December last, R. E. PARDON CLARKE, who was Grand Scribe in 1836 and Grand King the following year, died in the eighty-third year of his age. He was one of the few remaining of that noble band to whom we are indebted for firmness in the hour of trial, for unflinching devotion to our institution, and for words of encouragement in the dark days which followed the anti-Masonic crusade. The day of his funeral was stormy, and but few of the Craft gathered to pay the last tribute to his memory. Agreeably to a promise made to him in his last illness, I officiated in my capacity as Grand Master of Masons, and read the funeral service of the Grand Lodge. As I looked upon the few in attendance, I felt that had our deceased Companion, and those like him, shown the same lukewarmness to duty in his day that the absent members of the Fraternity in this city did on that occasion, the institution would hardly have been as prosperous as it is at this time."

One dispensation issued for a new Chapter called Landmark.

He thus speaks of the General Grand Chapter:

"I have heard nothing during the year from the committee appointed at the session of the General Grand Chapter in St. Louis, to whom was committed the subject of what was termed the seceded Grand Chapters, ours being among the number. I had anticipated that at least a correspondence might be opened with us in reference to our position, and that the able Companions who have the subject in charge would furnish arguments to convince us of the great good we might receive from becoming a member of their organization. In this, however, I have been disappointed, and I presume for the reason that their attention has been engrossed by the efforts made in the larger and more important Grand Bodies of the country to dissolve the General Grand Body. I do not anticipate that we shall receive much attention until these other and larger bodies have been brought into quiet

submission. So long as they are struggling to get out, it is of but little consequence to force us in. I deem it proper, however, to recommend that as the next session of the General Grand Body is to be held so near us as Baltimore, that our Grand High Priest attend the session, not as a participant, but as an observer of the proceedings, in order that we may, from the personal observation of our own representative, obtain a full knowledge of what is done, and of the true sentiments of the leading Masonic minds of the country upon this important question."

The Committee on the Grand High Priest's address make the following report :

"While your Committee can conceive of no sufficient reason for this Grand Chapter to change its action heretofore taken in the premises, yet in view of the high standing of our sister Grand Chapters that still adhere to the General Grand Chapter, as well as those whose action accords with ours, they deem it of the highest importance to place ourselves in a position in which we can fully vindicate our action, as flowing from the best of motives to promote and dignify Royal Arch Masonry, and in nowise proceeding from a factious spirit, either in the Grand Chapter or individual members thereof. And further, your Committee would have this Grand Chapter prepared to debate the whole matter of the necessity or utility of this super Grand Chapter.

"To this end, your Committee recommend that the Grand Council be a committee, instructed to open a correspondence with the Grand Chapters which by action or otherwise have indicated opinions in accord with ours, and with other Grand Royal Arch Chapters as they may deem expedient, which correspondence shall become the property of the Grand Chapter."

The Grand Chapter are still opposed to an interchange of representatives.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment and proceeded to dinner prepared in the Council Chamber; and on motion the Grand Stewards were directed to provide a dinner at the next annual Convocation.

Comp. George H. Burnham presents the report on Correspondence, reviewing the Proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, Illinois for 1869 and 1870.

M. E. Comp. Thomas A. Doyle re-elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Geo. H. Burnham, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 10 Chapters; 1,381 members; 177 exaltations.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Convocation was held at Charleston, February 14, 1871. M. E. Comp. James A. Hoyt, Deputy Grand High Priest, presiding in the Grand High Priest's absence. Twenty-one Chapters represented.

M. E. Comp. Montgomery Moses, Grand High Priest, forwarded an excellent address. He says:

"I am pleased to communicate that the condition of our Jurisdiction is most flattering and prosperous, and that the utmost harmony prevails. The only contention is the noble rivalry in bringing our Chapters up to that standard which

shall best secure happy results for the benefit of the Order. This is the feeling which animated our country Chapters, and I have no doubt those of our metropolis work with a like incentive."

And, further on :

"The increase and progress of Chapters, within our Jurisdiction have been surprisingly great, the more especially when the fact is brought to your attention that, owing to the disastrous and evil consequences of the late war, which resulted in a series of misfortunes to our beloved State, all our efforts were paralyzed, and all Masonic bodies, if not dormant, were in a state of chaos and confusion. Yet, on this day, and despite the obstacles and privations, it is a proud and glorious satisfaction to know that the number of Chapters within our Jurisdiction has greatly increased, and all are in good working order, the effort of each individual Companion being stimulated by the proud satisfaction of entering his own particular tabernacle, an object of usefulness and admiration. But happy it is that the smoke of war has cleared and purified the air—light, blessed light, again shines to guide us with its rays; and it is with commingled feelings of pride and gratification that I am enabled to announce that our Jurisdiction this day numbers (39) thirty-nine Chapters, exclusive of those working under dispensation."

Dispensations issued for five new Chapters.

He thus feelingly speaks of the death of a member of the Grand Chapter :

"It is with feelings of the deepest regret that I have to announce that, since our last Convocation, death has entered our sanctuary, and his arrow has struck down a bright and shining mark.

"One chair which surrounds our altar is vacant, and the eye bedimmed with tears, turns in vain to behold the noble form which once occupied it. Our happy re-union this day is saddened by the knowledge that the noble and manly form of our Principal Sojourner, William Ephraim Mikell, now sleeps in death.

"The subject comes home to my heart, and I would claim some indulgence for early and warm-rooted friendship. My feelings must speak what my sensibilities deny utterance. If grief were eloquence, then the merited tribute due to departed worth should draw your sorrows and win your sympathies.

"The virtuous and accomplished man, the enlightened scholar, the fond husband, the tender parent, the dutiful and devoted son, the affectionate brother, the sincere friend and humane master, sleeps in eternal rest. Let us hope, and be that abiding hope our consolation, that *He* 'who brings the blind by a way that they know not,' and who 'leads in paths they have not known and makes darkness light before them,' will conduct our beloved Companion to that celestial abode where, at *His* right hand, he may hold communion with, and receive those immortal rewards vouchsafed only to the virtuous and good."

In conclusion :

"My beloved Companions, it is necessary that we should be watchful and weary, and that we defend, even unto death, the divine and glorious truths of Masonry.

"It will scarcely be believed that in this enlightened age, when we had well hoped that the advancement of civilization had triumphed over superstition and bigotry, and consigned them to the sleep of oblivion, that an attack upon Masonry has been made in the Old World, and that persecution with all its dreadful and fanatical horrors, is about to wield its venomous weapons.

"Yet shall it not prosper; the noble edifice shall stand impregnable to its attacks, firm in its majesty.

"The shocks and convulsions menaced and aimed at its very foundation will fall harmless, not even removing or impairing the slightest particle of its unrivalled composition.

"Its pinnacle reaches high Heaven's top, and Guardian Angels hover around it, nurturing, under their wing, the children of the temple who gathered together in one indissoluble band will, in exultant strains, shout loud Hosannas of love and gratitude, chanting "Holiness to the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endureth forever."

Comp. James Birnie presents the report on Correspondence, reviewing the Proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters; Illinois, for 1869, receives fraternal notice.

M. E. Comp. James A. Hoyt was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Augustine T. Smythe, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 28 Chapters report 609 members; 70 exaltations.

TENNESSEE.

The Annual Convocation was held in the city of Nashville, November 9, 1870. M. E. Comp. John W. Hughes, Grand High Priest, presiding. Fifty-eight chartered and six Chapters under dispensation represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a *resume* of his official acts. He notices, in appropriate terms, the death of the Grand Treasurer, Comp. Williamson H. Horn, who had served the Grand Chapter faithfully and well for twenty years.

Of Uniformity of Work, he says:

"And while I am satisfied with the progress of the labors in general, yet, Companions, I cannot refrain from trying to impress upon the Subordinate Chapters the great importance it is to Royal Arch Masonry in Tennessee to obtain and practice the uniform work of the Grand Chapter."

The Grand Chapter, by resolutions, forbid the use of substitutes.

Also, that the degree of Royal Arch be not conferred until the applicant be examined on the lectures pertaining to the preceding degrees.

Comp. Geo. S. Blackie presents the report on Correspondence, reviewing the Proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Bodies; Illinois, for 1869, receives attention.

M. E. Comp. Wm. H. Armstrong was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. John Frizzell, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 83 Chapters; 4,161 members; 368 exaltations.

TEXAS.

The twenty-second Annual Convocation was held at Houston, June 12, 1871. M. E. Comp. S. S. Munger, Grand High Priest, presiding. Forty-four Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest thus opens his address, which is principally devoted to local matters, and his answers to questions propounded by the Craft :

"Time, swifter than the eagle's flight, has sped us through another year ; and now, at the appointed time, we again convene around our sacred altar, to legislate for the welfare of our time-honored institution. How many of our Companions have been summoned from their earthly tabernacles, during the past year, by the Grand High Priest of the Universe, we cannot say ; but we can this day render the grateful homage of our hearts to the great I AM, for his kind protection and preserving care, in permitting so many of us to again assemble in our beautiful Temple, and exchange our hearty congratulations. May our Convocation be pleasant and harmonious, and our labors redound to the good of our Order."

He says :

"I am rejoiced to be able to state that the Royal Craft is prospering throughout our Jurisdiction. While few complaints have been made to me, many questions have been propounded, to the most important and interesting of which, and my answers thereto, I will specially refer."

One dispensation for a new Chapter issued.

This Grand Chapter forbids the use of substitutes.

Five petitions for new Chapters were presented direct to the Grand Chapter.

The following resolution was adopted, to which we assent :

"*Resolved*, That in cases where a candidate has been elected to take the degrees, and fails to come forward and receive them within twelve months, a new ballot shall be spread in case he applies for the degrees after the expiration of the time as above."

We find no report on Correspondence. From the report of the Grand Secretary we learn that he "delayed the publication of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter for some time, waiting upon Companion P. C. Tucker, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who failed to furnish the report, owing, I believe, to sickness and other causes. This will account for the report not being published with the Proceedings as heretofore."

Appended to the transactions is an excellent address, by M. E. Comp. W. Carey Crane, P. H. P. of Mississippi and Grand Orator.

We quote his conclusion :

"In conclusion, it may not be inappropriate to offer a *brief defense of the general principles and practices* of our cherished Order.

"I. *Secrecy* is a Masonic fundamental principle. Can it be defined? Is it just to withhold any valuable knowledge from our race?

"(A.) What is the testimony of History? The ancient philosophers made secrecy the first lesson which was taught their disciples. It was a rule with Pythagoras, that every novice should be silent for a specific period of time; and not to speak unless spoken to, in order that the 'valuable secrets which he had to communicate might be better preserved and valued.' Lycurgus made a perpetual law, obliging every man to keep a secret whatever was committed to him, unless it was to the injury of the State. Cato, the Roman Censor, said there were three things of which he always repented when guilty: first, when he divulged a secret; second, when he went on water when he might have staid on dry land; and third, when he suffered a day to pass without endeavoring to do some good. The Persian law punished the betraying of a secret more severely than any other ordinary crime.

"(B.) What is the testimony of Revelation? 'Whosoever discovereth secrets loseth his credit, and shall never find a friend to his mind. As for a wound, it may be bound up, and after reviling there may be reconciliation, *but he that betrayeth secrets is without hope.*' 'A tale bearer revealeth secrets, but he that is of a *faithful* spirit concealeth them.' Ambrose places the patient gift of silence among the principal foundation of virtue.

"(C.) What is the testimony of Experience? Facts could be adduced showing that our Order has ever been a foe to despotism in every form. Tyrants have feared us, for Masonry has ever sided with the oppressed and down-trodden, struggling for liberty. In the old world and in the new, we have contended for liberty, equality and fraternity. Secrecy has been our bond of union, and despots have quaked at the mention of our history. The tyrant hierarch, as well as the tyrant monarch, have each, in turn, anathematized us, when our free principles have been a mirror, in which their crimes against God and nature have been reflected.

"Lastly, Masonry cherishes chivalry. Wherever virtue, honor, truth and religion need defenders, there true Masonry springs to the rescue. Wherever woman's honor is assailed, wherever maiden purity is scorned, there the true Masonic heart pulsates quickly in eager struggles to bring the assailer to judgment, the scorner to his merited contempt. Why not? Man learned the first principle of Masonry from woman. Charity, the pure milk of human kindness, was derived from woman, and she received it as God's best gift. The world has witnessed womanly grace and intelligence in a Semiramis, a Cleopatra, a Catherine, and a Josephine; but those names will shine inferior in history, on 'the un mouldering pillar of fame,' when compared with those of a Moore, a Fry, a Dix, a Newell, a Judson, a Hemens, and a Sigourney. The gay belle of the French saloon, the light hearted, festive devotee of fashion at Saratoga or New Orleans, may charm us for an hour with the voluptuous conversation and fascinating manners, but the woman who will be *loved* till the grave closes over her lamented remains, is the woman whose heart sympathizes with the claims and objects of our Ancient Fraternity.

"And now, fellow-members of the Masonic Order, I conjure you to remember

the lesson which the antiquity, position and principles of our Ancient Order suggest. Remember, the Holy Bible, the Rule, the Line, the Plum-line, the Square, the Compass are all given you to remind you of duty. Let all remember that we are on a level, and should ourselves perform work worthy of our high origin; for the time will come, and none of us know how soon, when death, the great leveller of all human greatness, will rob us of all our distinctions, and bring us to a level with the dust. 'Then shall the dust return to earth as it was, and the spirit to God who gave it.'"

M. E. Comp. J. B. Jones, of Corscana, was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Robert Brewster, of Houston, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 95 Chapters; 3,268 members; 392 exaltations.

VERMONT.

The Annual Convocation was held at Burlington, June 16, 1871. M. E. Comp. Edward A. Jewett, Grand High Priest, presiding. Twenty-four Chapters represented.

From the excellent address of the Grand High Priest we have the following cheering tidings:

"The past year has been one of continued prosperity throughout our Jurisdiction. A goodly number of brethren have passed the veils and are now enrolled among our number, and they will, I have no doubt, endeavor to promote to the utmost of their power the great end of our institution."

The address is principally devoted to a discussion of the status of the Grand Chapter as related to the General Grand Chapter. In concluding his remarks he says as follows:

"It is well understood that the real reason behind, and paramount to everything else, for the action of this Grand Chapter in 1860, was dissatisfaction (I say it with all due respect) on the part of *some* of the members of that General Grand Body with the result of the election of its officers.

"Allowing that the General Grand Chapter has not accomplished all that its founders hoped, was it wise, was it Masonic, for one of its subordinates to rebel and assume that a part is greater than the whole, to arrogate to itself more wisdom and better judgment than the majority? It seems to me not.

"That the General Grand Chapter is far from being a perfect body, none, I believe, are disposed to deny, and that its legislation is defective is beyond controversy; but I respectfully suggest that the complaints made would stand on less objectionable ground if those who make them would see themselves represented in that Grand Body, and lend their aid to bring about the establishment of those regulations, the absence of which they censure in the distance.

"I have spoken thus at length upon this subject, because I believe that we are in the wrong and that our position is untenable."

He thus speaks of Comp. Hollenbeck, the late Grand Secretary:

"At your last Annual Convocation a patriarchal Companion, full of years and honors, retired from the Grand Secretaryship of this Grand Chapter, after a long and faithful service of fifteen years. Always at his post of duty, strong and earnest in his Masonic faith and zeal; almost the only survivor of those aged Companions who were members of the Grand Chapter previous to its suspension; Companion Hollenbeck is with us to day to encourage us with his presence and aid us with his counsel.

"Companions, young and old, ever belong to him both public and private grand honors. May he live many a year to enjoy these Annual Convocations of the Royal Arch Masons of Vermont."

The Committee appointed to prepare a testimonial, presented him with an ebony staff, with gold head, bearing this inscription:

"Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont, to John B. Hollenbeck, for long and faithful services as Grand Secretary, 1855, 1870."

Comp. Squire Marcy presents an able report on Correspondence, reviewing the Proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters; Illinois, for 1870, receives fraternal mention.

In conclusion he says:

"Our official relations with the Capitular Fraternity will cease with the present Convocation. Age, infirm health and a desire for repose, all conduce to this step."

The Grand Chapter adopted the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the action of this Grand Chapter, had at the Annual Convocation of 1860, whereby the connection of the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont with the General Grand Chapter of the United States 'is hereby dissolved' be, and the same is, hereby rescinded, and this Grand Chapter resumes its position in said General Grand Chapter."

M. E. Comp. Edward A. Jewett, of Burlington, elected Grand High Priest;
Comp. W. H. S. Whitcomb, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 24 Chapters; 1,562 members; 135 exaltations.

VIRGINIA.

The annual Convocation was held at Richmond, December 15, 1870. M. E. Comp. Jno. P. Little, Grand High Priest, presiding. Thirty-one Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest "was a very appropriate and instructive verbal address," hence not a matter of record.

This Grand Chapter relinquishes its jurisdiction over West Virginia, as appears by the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the consent of this Grand Chapter be given to the formation of

a Grand Chapter in West Virginia upon the same terms and conditions, and with the same limitations, as the consent of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was given to the formation of a Grand Lodge for the State of West Virginia."

Comp. Wm. B. Isaacs presents the report on Correspondence, in which he acknowledges the receipt of the Proceedings of all the Grand Bodies. He reports himself a member of the M. A. S. as follows:

"We are a member of the 'Mutual Admiration Society,' recommended, vouched for, and advocated by those princes of good fellows and prominent members of that august body, Lawrence of Georgia, and Corson of New Jersey. We were put through without a *black* eye, and we make our annual appearance before you fully imbued with that enthusiasm which characterizes all young converts to new mysteries; and should we, in the exuberance of our soul, impose on the universally well known good nature of this Grand Chapter, its members will have the charity to attribute the imposition, not to our Masonic 'broughten up,' but to our exceeding great joy at the high and distinguished honor which has been conferred on one of their humblest and most *ancient* associates."

He says:

"From a 'careful perusal' of the Proceedings enumerated, we are more than gratified to report the very evident effort that is being made to acquire more thorough and intimate knowledge of the moral teachings of Capitular Masonry, which, as we familiarize ourselves with them, are so well calculated to aid us in perpetuating that harmony and peace now prevailing among the members of the Fraternity, and which all *good* Masons should aim to cultivate. From the same abundant sources of information, we are introduced to many new-fangled notations, such as adjourning (?) or calling off from hour to hour or day to day, recording the ayes and noes, calls for previous questions, *lying* on the table, and indeed a prevalence of all the peculiar motions and notions which govern club or parliamentary meetings, but which are unknown to either Supreme or Subordinate Masonic Bodies in this Jurisdiction, and which we think, as Masons, are 'more honored in the breach than the observance.'"

From the discussion had as to the merits and demerits of the General Grand Chapter, he arrives at the following conclusion:

"Your Committee has discovered no new nor favorable attributes as belonging to that Body since the Proceedings had by this Grand Chapter, nor have there been developments of any kind to induce a change in their appreciation of the uselessness of such an organization. On the contrary, the longer we live, the more we learn to attach us to the resolutions, not of '98 and '99, but of 1853, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That it is not expedient for the Grand Chapter of Virginia to unite with the General Grand Chapter of the United States as a constituent member thereof."

And thus concludes :

"We have, however, in our delightful journey through upwards of four thousand closely printed pages—seeking and deriving pleasure under difficulties—faithfully and carefully endeavored to observe and preserve everything of interest to the Craft, and to give it the benefit of our labors. We return thanks to our co-operators of other Jurisdictions for the good faith in which they have received our explanation of last year, and for the kind consideration they extend to our many shortcomings. We hope to meet them all, on the invitation of Companion Corson, in Baltimore, in 1871, when we will be prepared to 'pay our shot,' seeing them, not 'through a glass darkly.'"

M. E. Comp. John P. Little re-elected Grand High Priest ; Comp. John Dove, Grand Secretary, both of Richmond.

Statistics : 46 Chapters ; 1,647 members.

WISCONSIN.

The annual Convocation held at Milwaukee, January 17, 1871. M. E. Comp. Thomas B. Taylor, presiding. Forty Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest in his address congratulates the Grand Chapter on having arrived at its majority :

"It is a matter of congratulation, that this is the twenty-first anniversary of the existence of this Grand Chapter. On the day of its birth, in the year 1850, we numbered but five subordinate Chapters, with a membership of one hundred and twenty-five. To-day, we behold the representatives of forty Chapters, with a membership of over three thousand Companions.

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"Harmony and concord, I am happy to say, have prevailed among the Royal Craft, throughout this Jurisdiction, during the past year."

The Grand High Priest announces the following gratifying facts :

"I cannot allow this occasion to pass without announcing the gratifying fact that temperance, one of the cardinal virtues, is receiving its due share of attention. In times past, this arch enemy has made sad inroads upon our institution. The ponderous blows of my most excellent predecessor, together with the efforts of other good and distinguished members of the Fraternity, have had a salutary effect—have to some extent crippled the monster. I sincerely hope that, ere long, it may be truthfully said, that no man who has bowed at the altar of Free Masonry, worships at the shrine of Bacchus."

The following resolution was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That the use of keys or ciphers, by any officer or member of any Subordinate Chapter, and particularly all sales or barter thereof, is hereby strictly forbidden, under penalty of discipline for violation of Masonic obligations ; and

it is hereby made the imperative duty of the High Priest of every Subordinate Chapter to secure, as soon as possible, and effectually destroy any such key or cipher."

Comp. Samuel Fellows presents the report on Correspondence, in which he reviews thirty-four Chapters, including Illinois for 1869. He says if he were in the habit of making apologies, he should make one for this his first attempt. No apologies necessary.

M. E. Comp. Joseph Yates, of Berlin, was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. W. T. Palmer, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 41 Chapters; 2,466 members; 182 exaltations.

CONCLUSION.

And now, Companions, our task is ended. Imperfect as it seems to us, we leave it with you, trusting it will receive from you that charity its merits or demerits may demand.

In culling from the pages of the many and voluminous Proceedings before us, we have endeavored to select that which would best interest the Royal Craft, and advance the interests of Capitular Masonry in our Jurisdiction, and if we have at all succeeded it is well, and our reward is ample.

All the Grand Bodies have responded to our call except Nova Scotia and Pennsylvania; and as the Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter at Baltimore, in September, was reviewed by the Grand High Priest, we have not deemed it necessary to repeat it here.

We observe, from the perusal of the several Proceedings, that peace, harmony and permanent prosperity seem yet to pervade this vast Commonwealth, and that from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the cold regions North to the sunny glades of the South, the response is heard, all is well.

And thus may it continue as year by year we go on increasing in numbers, and in strength, until the Capstone of our magnificent Temple shall be laid with shouting, crying, Grace! Grace unto it!!

With the Corps Reportorial, with whom we have passed so many pleasant hours, we take an affectionate leave for the present, hoping that ere many months roll around, we may meet again and renew our friendship.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. MILES,
For the Committee.

On motion of M. E. Comp. L. L. Munn, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

The votes having been taken, sorted and tallied, the following named Companions were elected to the offices set opposite their respective names, to-wit.:

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| JAMES A. HAWLEY..... | Dixon..... | Grand High Priest. |
| JAMES C. LUCKEY..... | Polo..... | Deputy Grand High Priest. |
| GEORGE E. LOUNSBURY..... | Mound City..... | Grand King. |
| WILLIAM J. A. DELANCEY..... | Centralia..... | Grand Scribe. |
| JAMES H. MILES..... | Chicago..... | Grand Secretary. |
| HARRISON DILLS..... | Quincy..... | Grand Treasurer. |
| A. P. FORSYTH..... | Kansas..... | Grand Chaplain. |
| HASWELL C. CLARKE..... | Kankakee..... | Grand Captain of the Host. |

Comp. H. G. Calhoun offered the following preamble and resolution, which was on motion referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances :

WHEREAS, Warren Chapter No. 30, has, at various times during the past ten years, invaded the jurisdiction of Illinois Chapter No. 17, and conferred the degrees upon nine Brothers, making them R. A. Masons and members of said Warren Chapter No. 30 : Therefore,

Resolved, That Warren Chapter No. 30 be ordered to apologize to said Illinois Chapter No. 17, and refund to said Chapter the amount collected for degrees on the said nine thus made Royal Arch Masons.

M. E. Comp. O. H. Miner from the Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE.

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois :

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the memorial of Chicago Chapter No. 127, asking the decision of this Grand Chapter as to the question whether certain Companions named in the Charter of said Chapter No. 127 are members thereof, or of Corinthian Chapter No. 69, of which they were members at the time of petitioning for the dispensation of Home Chapter U. D., which was chartered as Chicago Chapter No. 127, fraternally report —

That the evidence produced before the Committee is not sufficient for a satisfactory understanding of the facts in this case ; and we therefore recommend that the matter be referred to the M. E. Grand High Priest for examination, with power to decide.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

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| J. M. PEARSON, | } Committee. |
| O. H. MINER, | |
| W. M. EGAN, | |

Comp. Rodney Ashley from the Committee on unfinished business presented the following report, which was on motion received, and the recommendations of the Committee adopted :

REPORT—UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois :

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they have had under consideration the amendment to Section 3 of Article 1 of the Constitution offered by M. E. Comp. L. L. Munn, on page 85, Proceedings of 1870, and in view of the rapidly accumulating business to be transacted by the Grand Chapter, and the limited time allowed after the close of the Grand Lodge, would recommend that the amendment be adopted.

Your Committee have also considered the amendment to Section 6, Article 3 of the Constitution, offered by E. Comp. James C. Luckey, page 21, Proceedings of 1870, and are of opinion the amendment ought not to be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. F. TENNEY,
JAMES WALKER, } Committee.
RODNEY ASHLEY,

The Section amended reads as follows :

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 3. The stated Convocations of this Grand Chapter shall be held annually at the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge, on the first Thursday after the fourth Tuesday in October.

M. E. Comp. W. M. Egan offered the following resolution, which was on motion adopted, viz. :

Resolved, That the Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized to draw his order on the Treasurer for a sufficient sum of money to fully remunerate Comp. A. S. Babcock for the several amounts paid out by him in perfecting the commutation return railroad tickets.

The M. E. Grand High Priest elect announced the following appointments, and that he had received and approved the bonds of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer :

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

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| HENRY B. PIERCE..... | Elgin..... | <i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i> |
| ARTHUR R. ATKINS..... | Chicago..... | <i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i> |
| EDWARD BLACKSHAW..... | Urbana..... | <i>Grand Master Third Veil.</i> |
| THOMAS J. WHITEHEAD..... | Odin..... | <i>Grand Master Second Veil.</i> |
| GRANVILLE M. EVATT..... | Quincy..... | <i>Grand Master First Veil.</i> |
| LOCKWOOD K. OSBORN..... | Chicago..... | <i>Grand Steward.</i> |
| ARNOLD R. ROBINSON..... | Springfield..... | <i>Grand Tyler.</i> |

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Masonic Jurisprudence—M. E. Comps. A. A. Murray, John M. Pearson, O. H. Miner.

On Masonic Correspondence—Comps. J. H. Miles, H. G. Reynolds, A. W. Blakesley.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LECTURES.

Comps. W. M. Egan, Jno. M. Pearson, L. L. Munn, James H. Miles, A. A. Glenn.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, assisted by M. E. Comp. John M. Pearson as Grand Marshall, then installed the several Grand Officers elected and appointed, and they were duly inducted into their respective stations, and proclaimed as follows, viz. :

GRAND OFFICERS.

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| M. E. Comp. JAMES A. HAWLEY..... | Dixon..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| " " JAMES C. LUCKEY..... | Polo..... | <i>Dep'ty Gr. High Priest.</i> |
| " " GEORGE E. LOUNSBURY..... | Mound City..... | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| " " WILLIAM J. A. DELANCEY..... | Centralia..... | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |
| " " JAMES H. MILES..... | Chicago..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| " " HARRISON DILLS..... | Quincy..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| " " A. P. FORSYTH..... | Kansas..... | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| " " HASWELL C. CLARKE..... | Kankakee..... | <i>Grand Capt. of Host.</i> |
| " " HENRY B. PIERCE..... | Elgin..... | <i>Grand Prin. Sojourner.</i> |
| " " ARTHUR R. ATKINS..... | Chicago..... | <i>Grand R. A. Captain.</i> |
| " " EDWARD BLACKSHAW..... | Urbana..... | <i>Gr. Master 3rd Veil.</i> |
| " " THOMAS J. WHITEHEAD..... | Odin..... | <i>Gr. Master 2nd Veil.</i> |
| " " GRANVILLE M. EVATT..... | Quincy..... | <i>Gr. Master 1st Veil.</i> |
| " " LOCKWOOD K. OSBORN..... | Chicago..... | <i>Grand Steward.</i> |
| " " ARNOLD R. ROBINSON..... | Springfield..... | <i>Grand Tyler.</i> |

M. E. Comp. James A. Hawley, G. H. P., presiding.

Comp. W. H. House, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, presented the following report, which was on motion received and adopted :

REPORT—APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Illinois :

The Committee of Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred the complaint of Illinois Chapter No. 17, against Warren Chapter No. 30, in regard to infringement of Jurisdiction, would respectfully report —

That having carefully examined the papers in our hands and heard the statements of the representatives of the respective Chapters, we would recommend that Warren Chapter No. 30 pay to Illinois Chapter No. 17 the sum of sixty dollars, and hereafter adhere strictly to their geographical Jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. H. HOUSE,
G. W. HARTMAN, } Committee.
LEE SMITH,

Comp. J. C. Smith, from the Committee on Chartered Chapters, presented the following report, which was on motion received and adopted :

REPORT—CHARTERED CHAPTERS.

The undersigned, Committee on Chartered Chapters, respectfully report that they have examined the work and returns of the Chapters submitted to them, and present the following comments, statements and statistics as the result of their labors :

In the blanks for returns sent to the Chapters by the Grand Secretary, it was intended not only to report the number of candidates "marked," "installed" and "received," but also the present number of members in each degree ; but the Secretaries of many Chapters have misunderstood the instructions, and the Committee cannot, therefore, make a report thereon.

The following Chapters have failed to make returns for two years, and are therefore suspended by Article IV, Section 1, of the Constitution, viz. : Shawneetown 6, Stapleton 9, Lacon 42. The following make no return and pay no dues, viz. : Pekin 25, McHenry 34, Jackson 55, Geo. L. Dunlap 91, Taylorville 102.

The following omit to report and pay Chapter dues on members as follows, viz. : Springfield No. 1 and Barry No. 88, two members each ; Montgomery No. 64, Salem No. 65 and Newton No. 109, one member each.

Carrollton No. 77 returns 2 exalted ; while Jerseyville No. 140 returns 4, the former having borrowed from the latter.

Freeport No. 23 drops 4 members without explanation, which is contrary to our rules.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

J. C. SMITH,
SAMUEL J. DODD, } *Committee.*
H. B. PEIRCE,

TABULAR STATEMENT — REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS.

| NAMES AND NUMBERS. | | Dues p'd. | Members 1870. | Resident. | Non-res't. | Members 1871. | Exalted. | Admitted. | Restored. | Died. | Dimitted. | Expelled. | Susp'ded. | Net Increase. | Net Decrease. | REMARKS. |
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| 1 | Springfield | \$ 66 00 | 155 | 134 | 18 | 152 | 12 | 5 | | 4 | 8 | | 8 | | 3 | Due \$1 00. |
| 2 | Lafayette | 139 00 | 311 | 278 | 44 | 322 | 21 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 7 | | 1 | 11 | | |
| 3 | Jacksonville | 70 50 | 123 | 141 | 4 | 145 | 21 | 1 | | | | | | 22 | | |
| 4 | Horeb | 23 50 | 47 | 47 | 1 | 48 | 3 | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| 5 | Quincy | 61 50 | 146 | 123 | 28 | 151 | 12 | 1 | | 2 | 6 | | | 5 | | Vacant. |
| 6 | Shawneetown | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Peoria | 53 00 | 138 | 106 | 21 | 127 | 9 | | | | 5 | | 15 | | 11 | |
| 8 | Alton | 42 00 | 103 | 84 | 12 | 96 | 3 | | | 3 | 3 | | 4 | | 7 | Vacant. |
| 9 | Stapleton | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Union | 30 50 | 59 | 61 | 5 | 66 | 9 | | | | 2 | | | 10 | | |
| 11 | Meredosia | 23 00 | 36 | 46 | | 46 | 9 | 1 | | | | | | 7 | | |
| 12 | Mt. Zion | 16 00 | 29 | 32 | | 32 | 6 | | | 1 | | | 2 | 3 | | |
| 13 | Field | 13 50 | 44 | 27 | 9 | 36 | 3 | | | | 5 | | 6 | | 8 | |
| 14 | Fox River | 60 50 | 152 | 121 | 25 | 146 | | | | | | | | 6 | | |
| 15 | Franklin | 27 00 | 59 | 51 | 10 | 61 | 3 | 2 | | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | | |
| 16 | Herman | 15 50 | 36 | 31 | 3 | 34 | | | 1 | | 3 | | | | 2 | |
| 17 | Illinois | 14 00 | 29 | 28 | 4 | 32 | 6 | | | 3 | 3 | | | 3 | | |
| 18 | Barrett | 44 00 | 89 | 88 | 16 | 104 | 15 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 15 | | |
| 19 | Morse | 40 00 | 98 | 80 | 6 | 86 | 6 | | | 1 | 2 | | 15 | 12 | | |
| 20 | Lusk | 14 50 | 32 | 29 | 2 | 31 | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | |
| 21 | Macon | 50 00 | 102 | 100 | 7 | 107 | 6 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | | |
| 22 | Aurora | 31 50 | 187 | 163 | 45 | 208 | 21 | 2 | | 2 | | | | 21 | | |
| 23 | Freeport | 62 00 | 150 | 124 | 20 | 144 | 15 | | 3 | 2 | 17 | | 5 | 6 | | |
| 24 | Winnebago | 75 00 | 154 | 150 | 15 | 165 | 21 | 1 | | 4 | 3 | | 4 | 11 | | |
| 25 | Pekin | | 38 | 38 | | 38 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | Bloomington | 54 00 | 131 | 108 | 6 | 114 | | 1 | | 2 | 9 | | 7 | 17 | | |
| 27 | Joliet | 58 50 | 145 | 117 | 10 | 127 | 6 | | | 2 | 18 | | 4 | 18 | | |
| 28 | Princeton | 34 50 | 71 | 69 | 5 | 74 | 3 | 2 | | 2 | | | | 3 | | |
| 29 | Clarke | 11 00 | 19 | 22 | 2 | 24 | 6 | | | | 1 | | | 5 | | |
| 30 | Warren | 50 50 | 110 | 101 | 24 | 125 | 15 | | 1 | 1 | | | | 15 | | |
| 31 | Orient | | 47 | 52 | 1 | 53 | 6 | 3 | | | 2 | | 3 | 6 | | |
| 32 | Edgar | 48 00 | 90 | 96 | 5 | 101 | 15 | 2 | | 3 | 1 | | 3 | 11 | | |
| 33 | Carthage | 31 50 | 53 | 63 | | 63 | 9 | 1 | | | | | | 10 | | |
| 34 | McHenry | | 28 | 28 | | 28 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 35 | Harvey | 17 50 | 23 | 35 | 3 | 38 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | 15 | | |
| 36 | Woodstock | 41 00 | 98 | 82 | 20 | 102 | 6 | | | | 2 | | 3 | 4 | | |
| 37 | Shabbona | 37 00 | 93 | 82 | 8 | 90 | 3 | | | 2 | 3 | 1 | | | 3 | |
| 38 | Richland | 24 50 | 46 | 49 | 5 | 54 | 9 | | | | 1 | | | 8 | | |

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| NAMES AND NUMBERS. | Dues p'd. | Members 1870. | Resident Members. | Non-resi- dent Members. | Members 1871. | Expelled. | Died. | Dimitted. | Expelled. | Susp'ded. | Net Increase. | Net Decrease. | REMARKS. |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mattoon..... | \$19 00 | 43 | 38 | 6 | 44 | 6 | | | | 4 | 1 | | |
| Havana..... | 30 00 | 60 | 60 | 4 | 64 | 15 | 2 | | | 1 | 8 | | Due \$1 00. |
| Efingham..... | 17 00 | 35 | 34 | 2 | 36 | 6 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Barry..... | 23 50 | 88 | 60 | 49 | 5 | 54 | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Nashville..... | 14 50 | 38 | 29 | 3 | 32 | | 2 | | | 4 | | | |
| Kishwaukee..... | 22 00 | 55 | 45 | 8 | 53 | 3 | | | | 7 | | | |
| Geo. L. Dunlap..... | 42 42 | 42 | 42 | | 42 | | 1 | | | 4 | | | |
| Auburn..... | 23 50 | 46 | 47 | 5 | 52 | 6 | | | | 1 | 6 | | |
| Centralia..... | 26 00 | 57 | 52 | 6 | 58 | 3 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Homer..... | 11 50 | 23 | 23 | 5 | 28 | 6 | | | | 2 | 5 | | |
| Rabboni..... | 12 50 | 32 | 25 | 5 | 30 | | | | | 2 | | | |
| Loyal L. Munn..... | 18 50 | 60 | 56 | 4 | 60 | 3 | | | | 3 | | | Paid since. |
| Tazewell..... | 18 50 | 33 | 37 | | 37 | 3 | 1 | | | 3 | | | |
| Eureka..... | 24 00 | 47 | 48 | 3 | 51 | 6 | | | | 1 | 4 | | |
| Fairbury..... | 28 00 | 65 | 56 | 10 | 66 | 9 | | | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Marion..... | 26 00 | 54 | 52 | 1 | 53 | | | | | 4 | 1 | | |
| Metropolitan..... | 28 50 | 51 | 55 | 2 | 57 | 9 | | | | 1 | | | |
| Taylorville..... | 20 50 | 52 | 52 | | 52 | | | | | 3 | 6 | | |
| Staley..... | 20 50 | 39 | 41 | 4 | 45 | 9 | 1 | | | 1 | 6 | | |
| Clayton..... | 21 00 | 37 | 42 | 1 | 43 | 0 | | | | 2 | | | |
| Lena..... | 19 50 | 43 | 39 | 3 | 42 | 3 | 1 | | | 1 | 6 | | |
| Belleville..... | 27 00 | 60 | 54 | 7 | 61 | 2 | | | | 1 | | | |
| Sandwich..... | 23 50 | 45 | 47 | 4 | 51 | 6 | | | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Fulton..... | 22 50 | 47 | 45 | 2 | 47 | 3 | | | | 2 | 6 | | |
| Newton..... | 12 50 | 28 | 26 | 2 | 28 | 3 | 1 | | | 2 | | | Due 50 cents. |
| Woodford..... | 12 50 | 22 | 25 | | 25 | | | | | 2 | | | |
| Dallas..... | 17 00 | 30 | 34 | 2 | 36 | 3 | | | | | 3 | | |
| New Rutland..... | 31 50 | 67 | 63 | 11 | 74 | 0 | | | | 3 | 6 | | |
| Ford..... | 22 50 | 49 | 44 | 6 | 55 | 0 | 1 | | | 1 | 7 | | |
| Waseka..... | 23 50 | 44 | 47 | 1 | 48 | 6 | 1 | | | 3 | 1 | | |
| Pana..... | 11 50 | 18 | 23 | 1 | 24 | 0 | | | | 1 | 7 | | |
| Spaulding..... | 20 00 | 37 | 40 | 3 | 43 | 9 | 1 | | | 1 | 6 | | |
| Palatine..... | 14 50 | 31 | 29 | 2 | 31 | | | | | 3 | 6 | | |
| Millington..... | 17 00 | 21 | 24 | | 24 | | | | | | 13 | | |
| De Witt..... | 21 50 | 38 | 43 | | 34 | 12 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Elliot..... | 25 50 | 50 | 51 | 1 | 52 | 3 | 1 | | | 2 | 5 | | |
| Mr. Pulaski..... | 18 00 | 26 | 30 | 2 | 32 | 0 | | | | 1 | 2 | | |
| Odin..... | 18 00 | 35 | 30 | 1 | 37 | 6 | | | | 2 | 2 | | |

On motion of E. Comp. J. C. Luckey, it was

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to insert the name of Comp. Geo. W. Parker into the Charter of Lincoln Chapter No. 147, his name having been erased in the petition without his knowledge and consent.

On motion of E. Comp. H. G. Reynolds, it was

Voted, That Shawneetown Chapter No. 6 and Lacon Chapter No. 42 be declared vacant, and that the matter of Stapleton Chapter No. 9 be referred to the M. E. Grand High Priest with power.

Also, on motion,

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to issue dimits to above suspended Chapters when applied for.

On motion of M. E. Comp. L. L. Munn,

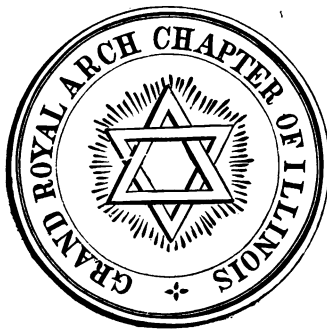
Resolved, That this Grand Chapter hereby expresses its due appreciation of the able, wise and zealous discharge by M. E. Companion A. A. Murray of the arduous duties of Grand High Priest during the year just past ; and the best wishes for his future welfare and prosperity are hereby fraternally tendered by this Grand Body, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure and present to him a Past Grand High Priest's jewel, as a testimony of our appreciation thereof.

On motion of Grand Secretary,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are hereby tendered to Apollo Commandery No. 1 K. T. for the use of their Asylum for this Annual Convocation.

Also,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are hereby tendered to the several Railroads, for their kind reduction of fare to the Delegates in attendance at this Convocation.



No further business appearing, the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois was closed in peace and harmony, to meet again in the city of Chicago, on Thursday the 24th day of October, A. D. 1872, A. I. 2402, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

James A. Miles

Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

PERMANENT CONSTITUTION
OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. This Grand Chapter shall be known and called by the name and style of "THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS."

SEC. 2. This Grand Chapter shall consist of a Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Host, and the Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings, Past Grand Scribes, who are members of subordinate Chapters, together with High Priests, Kings, and Scribes, for the time being, of the subordinate Chapters under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter: *Provided*, That the High Priests, Kings, and Scribes of the subordinate Chapters who are not present may be represented by their proxies, duly constituted and appointed: *Provided, further*, That proxies, shall be members of the respective Chapters whose officers they represent.

SEC. 3. The stated Convocations of the Grand Chapter shall be held annually at the place of the meeting of the Grand Lodge, on the first Thursday after the fourth Tuesday in October.

SEC. 4. The Grand High Priest, or in his absence, the Deputy Grand High Priest, may call Special Convocations, to be holden at such time and place as they may think proper; but no business shall be transacted at such called Convocations, except such as the Grand Chapter shall have been specially convened to transact.

SEC. 5. A representation from five of the chartered working Chapters shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may meet and adjourn from day to day, until a constitutional quorum be present.

SEC. 6. The Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, and Grand Captain of the Host, shall be elected by ballot in open Grand Chapter at each

annual Convocation, and the Companion having the majority of the votes cast shall be declared duly elected. All other officers, and all committees, shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest.

SEC. 7. Not more than one of the first four grand officers shall be elected from any one Chapter.

SEC. 8. No companion shall be elected to the office of Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, or Grand Scribe, who has not been elected and installed over a regularly constituted Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

SEC. 9. No person shall be entitled to a seat as a member or representative in this Grand Chapter who is not a member of a subordinate Chapter under its Jurisdiction.

SEC. 10. No past grand officer, *as such*, shall be represented by proxy, or receive any mileage or per diem for attendance.

SEC. 11. Each grand officer, previous to entering upon the duties of his office, shall be legally installed, and shall make the following declaration: "I, A. B., do solemnly promise, that to the utmost of my knowledge and ability, I will strictly support and comply with the Constitution, laws and regulations of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, the Constitution, laws and regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois, and the ancient usages and landmarks of the Order."

SEC. 12. Should any casualty at any time prevent the annual election of officers, the several officers shall retain their respective offices until their successors are duly elected, qualified and installed.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. This Grand Chapter has the sole government and superintendence of the several Royal Arch Chapters and Lodges of Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master Masons within the State of Illinois; with authority to settle controversies that may happen between them, to assign their limits, to prescribe laws and regulations for their government, to review, confirm, or annul their decisions. It has power under its seal and sign manual of the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, attested by the Grand Secretary, to constitute new Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, with the right to open and hold lodges of Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Masters; and when expedient, may revoke, suspend, and annul the same. For violation of any of its laws, it may reprimand, suspend, or expel any of its members. It may require from the subordinate Chapters such dues and fees as will, at all times, discharge the engagements of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 2. The Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest, severally, have authority and power, during the recess of the Grand Chapter of which they are officers, to grant letters of dispensation under their respective hands and private

seals to nine or more competent petitioners, empowering them to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Lodges of Mark Masters, Past Masters, and Most Excellent Masters, until the next annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter: *Provided*, That said petition be accompanied with a certificate from the Chapter nearest the place where the Chapter is intended to be opened, vouching for the moral and Masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending that a dispensation be granted them; and the officer who may grant the same shall make report thereof at the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter, when the Grand Chapter may either continue or recall the said dispensation, or may grant the petitioners a charter of constitution. And in case such charter shall be granted, the fees first deposited shall be credited in payment of the same; but should a charter not be granted, nor the dispensation continued, the fees shall be refunded to the petitioners, excepting such part thereof as shall have been actually expended by means of their application.

SEC. 3. The fee for a dispensation for a new Chapter shall be ninety dollars, which shall be paid by the petitioners previous to the issuing of the same. The fee for a charter shall be ten dollars, three dollars of which shall be the Grand Secretary's fee.

SEC. 4. No dispensation or charter shall be granted for instituting lodges of Most Excellent, Past, or Mark Masters, independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION I. The Grand High Priest, if present, shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Chapter; in case of his absence, the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, or Grand Scribe, in the order here named; and in the absence of all these, the oldest High Priest present shall fill the chair.

SEC. 2. In case of the death, absence, or inability of the Grand High Priest, the powers and duties of his station shall devolve upon the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, or Grand Scribe, in the order here named.

SEC. 3. The Grand High Priest shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the offices of the Grand Chapter, until the next annual meeting.

SEC. 4. In addition to the constitutional officers, the Grand Chapter may constitute such other offices as it may deem expedient for the management and dispatch of its business.

SEC. 5. No Chapter within this Jurisdiction shall confer the degrees of Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master, and of Royal Arch Mason, for a less sum than thirty dollars, and no petition shall be received and referred unless accompanied by the Mark Master's fee, not less than four dollars.

SEC. 6. No candidate shall be exalted, or otherwise advanced in any Chapter, except that nearest his residence, without the unanimous permission of the Chapter nearest where he shall reside, expressed by ballot.

SEC. 7. No candidate, whose application may have been rejected in any Chapter under this Jurisdiction, shall be exalted or advanced in any other Chapter, which shall have received official notice of such rejection, without the unanimous permission of the Chapter rejecting, expressed by ballot.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of every Chapter subordinate to this Grand Chapter to assemble at least once in three months, and such as shall not meet for the space of one year shall forfeit all their privileges under this Grand Chapter, and their charter shall be taken away, unless a sufficient excuse be shown for such neglect.

SEC. 9. The officers of all new Chapters in this Jurisdiction, after they shall have received their charter, shall be duly installed by the Grand High Priest, or Deputy Grand High Priest; or a present or past High Priest may be appointed a proxy for the purpose by one or the other of said grand officers, by a dispensation under his hand and seal; and the form of installation shall be agreeable to that directed by the General Grand Constitution, and which is contained in Article V. of this Constitution.

SEC. 10. Every Chapter holden under this Jurisdiction shall have a seal, with the name and number thereof engraven thereon, an impression of which shall be deposited with the Grand Secretary.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. Every Subordinate Chapter shall be represented by its High Priest, King, and Scribe, or by their proxies, at each annual Convocation, and each Chapter that is not represented by one or more of its officers, or by proxy, for three consecutive years, and neglect for two years to pay its Grand Chapter dues, shall thereby be suspended from all Masonic functions, and unless within one year from the date of its suspension, the said Chapter shall discharge all arrearages, and show good cause to the contrary, it shall be struck from the roll of Chapters, and after the lapse of five years, it shall not be resuscitated without a dispensation fee of ninety dollars.

SEC. 2. When a charter or dispensation shall be surrendered, or become forfeited, or expire by limitation of time, the whole of the property of the Subordinate Chapter, of every kind, shall be vested in the Grand Chapter, and subject to the order of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. Each Chapter shall, previous to its commencing work under its charter, be duly constituted, and its officers installed.

SEC. 4. No person shall be permitted to sit in this Grand Chapter as a visitor without the unanimous consent of the members present.

SEC. 5. The Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, and all Past High Priests, shall each have one vote; all Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings, and Past Grand Scribes, shall

have one vote collectively, and each Subordinate Chapter represented shall have three votes ; but no representative from a Subordinate Chapter shall vote in each of the respective capacities of member and representative.

ARTICLE V.

OF CONSTITUTING NEW CHAPTERS.

[NOTE BY GRAND SECRETARY.—Section 1, of Article V., having been dispensed with by the General Grand Chapter, said section is omitted.]

SEC. 2. Whenever it shall be inconvenient for the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest, respectively, to attend in person, to constitute a new Chapter, and install the officers, they shall severally have power and authority to appoint some worthy High Priest, or Past High Priest, to perform the necessary ceremonies.

ARTICLE VI.

This Constitution may be altered or amended in the following manner only : The proposed alteration or amendment must be made in writing, at an annual Convocation ; if seconded by a majority of votes, it shall be entered upon the minutes until the next annual Convocation, at which time the Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall put the question upon its adoption, and if concurred in by a majority of votes, it shall from thenceforth be of full force and effect : *Provided*, That any amendment in regard to the time or place of meeting may be adopted at any time by a unanimous vote.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. At the time appointed for the meeting of the Grand Chapter, before the transaction of any business, a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall be opened in ample or due form.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, at each annual Convocation, as soon as a constitutional quorum of Chapters is ascertained to be present, to appoint the following standing committees, each to consist of three :

1. A Committee on Credentials.
2. A Committee on Chartered Chapters.
3. A Committee on Chapters U. D.
4. A Committee on Accounts.
5. A Committee on Grievances.
6. A Committee on Charity.
7. A Committee on Unfinished Business.
8. A Committee on Reports of Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests.
9. A Committee to Examine Visitors.

SEC. 3. The Grand High Priest elect, at each annual Convocation, shall appoint the following standing Committees, who shall hold their offices until the succeeding annual Convocation, each to consist of three :

1. A Committee on Masonic Correspondence ; the chairman of which shall be the Grand Secretary.
2. A Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence ; this committee, with the consent of the Grand Chapter, may retain any question referred to it, and report thereon at the next regular Grand Convocation.

SEC. 4. All committees shall make due reports to the Grand Chapter on such subjects as may be referred to their consideration.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest, immediately after the appointment of the standing committees, to communicate, in writing, a statement

of his official acts during the recess of the Grand Chapter. He shall also give information upon subjects of Masonic interest, and recommend such measures as he may deem expedient. The Deputy Grand High Priest shall also report, in writing, any official acts performed by him during the recess of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 6. In addition to the constitutional officers, there shall be appointed at each annual Convocation, suitable Companions to sustain the following offices, viz.: a Grand Principal Sojourner, a Grand Royal Arch Captain, three Grand Masters of the Veils, a Grand Steward, and a Grand Tyler.

SEC. 7. The Grand Treasurer shall safely keep all the moneys and other effects of the Grand Chapter; he shall pay no moneys except upon the warrant of the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest, by vote of the Grand Chapter; he shall take vouchers of every payment made by him, and keep just and sufficient books of account, which, with a full balance sheet, shall be submitted to the Grand Chapter at the Annual Grand Convocation.

SEC. 8. The Grand Secretary shall keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter; he shall receive all moneys due the Grand Chapter, and pay them over to the Treasurer, and take a proper voucher therefor. He shall keep sufficient books of account, in which separate accounts shall be kept with each Subordinate Chapter. He shall keep the seal of the Grand Chapter, and affix the same to all official acts. He shall see that the returns of the Subordinate Chapters, and their fines, fees and dues are regularly made; he shall keep up the correspondence required by the General Grand Constitution; superintend the printing and publishing of all Proceedings ordered by the Grand Chapter, and duly forward copies of the same to the General Grand and the State Grand Chapters, and one copy to each officer of this Grand Chapter, and three copies to each of the Subordinate Chapters. He shall do and perform all other established duties of his office, and shall present his books, accounts and vouchers, at the Grand Annual Convocation, for the inspection and approval of the Grand Chapter. He shall, agreeably to the provisions of the first section of Article 4 of the Constitution, notify each and every Chapter that is or shall be delinquent, and report the same to the next succeeding Grand Convocation, and for his services he shall receive one thousand dollars per annum.

SEC. 9. No Subordinate Chapter shall be represented in the Grand Chapter while in arrears for grand dues.

SEC. 10. Every resolution, or motion contemplating an appropriation from the funds of the Grand Chapter, shall be proposed by, or referred to, some standing committee of that body, before it can be acted upon; and no disbursement shall be made from its funds, unless by a vote of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 11. All questions shall be decided by the majority of votes.

SEC. 12. [Repealed at session of 1862.]

SEC. 13. No proxy shall be entitled to traveling fees further than from his actual place of residence: *Provided*, The same shall not be at a greater distance from the place of meeting of the Grand Chapter than the Chapter from which he derives his appointment.

SEC. 14. No Royal Arch Mason shall be admitted into a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons under this Jurisdiction, as a member or visitor, unless he shall have received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Masters, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master.

SEC. 15. When any Chapter, which has discontinued work, shall have its charter revived by the Grand Chapter, no members formerly having belonged to said Chapter shall be considered members thereof under the revival, except the actual petitioners for the same.

SEC. 16. Each Chapter working under dispensation shall return its dispensation, together with its by-laws, and a record of its proceedings, to the next succeeding Annual Grand Convocation; which shall be referred to a committee on Chapters U. D.

SEC. 17. Each Subordinate Chapter shall pay annually, on or before the first day of the Annual Grand Convocation, the sum of fifty cents for each member of fifty cents for each member of the Chapter, as dues: *Provided*, That no Chapter shall pay a sum less than ten dollars. (See Resolution No. 25.)

SEC. 18. The Grand High Priest may appoint one or more Grand Lecturers, at each Annual Convocation, whose compensation shall be provided for in such a manner as the Grand Chapter may from time to time direct.

SEC. 19. These By-laws, or any part thereof, may be altered or amended at any stated Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE I. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall take the chair every day precisely at the hour to which the Grand Chapter shall have adjourned on the previous day, when the journal shall be read, and, if necessary, corrected.

2. During the hours of business, the members are required to keep their seats, and observe strict order and decorum; and no member shall leave the hall without leave, or absent himself from the service of the Grand Chapter, unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

3. When the Grand High Priest or presiding officer rises, all debate shall cease, and silence shall be observed.

4. When a member is about to speak he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address the "Most Excellent Grand High Priest."

5. The Grand High Priest shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Grand Chapter.

6. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question, unless it be to explain, without permission from the Grand Chapter.

7. When a question is put, it shall be the duty of every member present to vote, unless excused by the Grand Chapter; but no member shall vote on a question in the result of which he is personally interested.

8. No motion shall be entertained until it is seconded, and no debate had thereon until it is stated by the chair.

9. Every motion, at the desire of the chair or Grand Secretary, shall be reduced to writing, with the mover's name endorsed thereon.

10. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to commit, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall always be in order, and be decided without debate.

11. Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be divided if it comprehends questions so distinct that, one being taken away, the rest may stand entire for the decision of the Grand Chapter. A motion to strike out, or insert, shall be deemed divisible.

12. No report shall be received from any of the committees of the Grand Chapter, unless the same be reduced to writing.

13. No committee shall sit during sitting of the Grand Chapter, without special leave.

14. The Rules of Order, or any part thereof, may be altered or amended at any stated annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, by a vote of three-fifths of the members present.

RESOLUTIONS IN FORCE.

1. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, the Chapter degrees cannot legally be conferred upon a Master Mason having but one arm.—1852.

2. *Resolved*, That profanity ought not to be tolerated among Masons.

3. *Resolved*, That the suspension or expulsion of a Royal Arch Mason from a Master's Lodge, shall operate as a suspension or expulsion from a Chapter within this State during the continuance of such sentence.—1852.

4. [Repealed 1869.]

5. *Resolved*, That the cardinal virtues of Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice are dependent upon the maintenance of the cardinal virtue of Temperance ; that every intemperate man is liable to lose that fortitude which might never forsake him in his hours of sobriety ; nor can any such man be either prudent or just. — 1856.

6. *Resolved*, That the subordinate Chapters are hereby strongly urged to root out the evil of intemperance from among them, and to exercise a wholesome, prompt, and efficient discipline upon the subject. — 1856.

7. *Resolved*, That no Mason should advance in the degrees until he has exhibited a knowledge of all the preceding degrees, sufficient to make himself well known as such ; and the several Chapters in Illinois are hereby instructed to require the same of all candidates who present themselves for advancement. — 1856.

8. *Resolved*, That by ancient regulations, Chapters, until regularly constituted, have no right to be represented. — 1856.

9. *Resolved*, That the M. E. Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests be requested hereafter carefully to examine into all circumstances regarding the proposed location of all new Chapters, for which dispensation may be prayed ; and only grant dispensations when, in their opinion, the interests of the Royal Craft strictly require it, and only appoint to the first three offices of such new Chapters Companions who have attained a proper degree of proficiency in the work and lectures of the several degrees. — 1856.

10. *Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter instruct its subordinates to comply with the resolution of the General Grand Chapter in regard to the Past Master's degree. — 1856.

11. *Resolved*, That each Chapter in this Jurisdiction be required to furnish the Grand Secretary with a list of the officers elect, immediately after each annual election. — 1858.

12. *Resolved*, That no Chapter, or officer or member thereof, shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation to enable a Mason of any degree to proceed from Chapter to Chapter as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to Chapters for relief. — 1858.

13. *Resolved*, That a Companion cannot lawfully be a member or hold an office in a Chapter in this State while a regular citizen of another State. — 1859.

14. *Resolved*, That the constitutional Chapters in this State are required to give notice to all members residing without the limits of this State, to apply for and receive dimitts ; and that all who do not apply for such dimitts upon notice, or whose residence cannot be ascertained, be stricken from the list of members. — 1859.

15. *Resolved*, That dues be paid for Companions residing in this State, and for such only. — 1859.

16. *Resolved*, That the several Chapters in this State are prohibited from conferring any degrees upon non-affiliated Master Masons.—1859.

17. *Resolved*, That no agreements made in relation to Jurisdiction between subordinate Chapters, will be recognized hereafter by this Grand Body, but that Jurisdiction will be left to distance only.—1860.

18. *Resolved, unanimously*, That hereafter all dues from subordinate Chapters be paid in gold and silver and United States legal-tender notes, and that all orders upon the treasury be paid in the same.—1862.

19. *Resolved*, No person will hereafter be allowed to act as a proxy unless he has a proxy in writing, signed by the High Priest, King, or Scribe, and under his or their seals.—1861.

20. *Resolved*, That the conferring of the R. A. degree on less than three actual candidates at a time, is hereby expressly forbidden by this Grand Chapter.—1866.

21. *Resolved*, That any Companion shall have the right, at any time, to object to the advancement of a candidate in his Chapter, and that it shall be unlawful to advance such candidate until the objection is removed.—1867.

22. *Resolved*, That the conferring of the Royal Arch degree on less than three actual candidates at a time, is hereby expressly forbidden by this Grand Chapter ; and if any Chapter violates this resolution it shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest at once to arrest its charter.—1867.

23. *Resolved*, That all Chapters within this grand Jurisdiction are hereby directed to confer the degree of Past Master on *all* candidates before advancing to the M. E. M. degree.—1867.

24. *Resolved*, That no applicant for the Chapter degrees, if rejected, shall be allowed to present his petition the second time, until the expiration of twelve months from the date of such rejection.—1867.

25. *Resolved*, That every Chapter under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall, at least thirty days before its annual grand Convocation, transmit to the Grand Secretary, by mail or otherwise, the annual return of such Chapter, signed by the High Priest, and attested under the seal of the Chapter and hand of the Secretary. And if any Chapter shall neglect to forward such returns to the Grand Secretary as above required, it shall forfeit the mileage and per diem of its representative: *Provided*, that for good and sufficient reasons the Grand Chapter may remit such penalty.—1867.

26. *Resolved*, That the work and ritual as prepared by the Committee on Work be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the work and ritual of this Grand Chapter.—1868.

27. *Resolved*, That the work and ritual now adopted, when promulgated, shall be the only work and ritual to be used in any Royal Arch Chapter in this Jurisdiction.—1868.

28. *Resolved*, That each Subordinate Chapter, within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall purge itself of intemperance and profanity; and that it be the duty of this Grand Chapter to arrest the charter of any Chapter failing to comply with this resolution.—1868.

29. *Resolved*, That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter so interpret Section 7 of Article 3 of the Constitution, as to make it obligatory upon Chapters to give notice of rejections, expulsions and suspensions, in like manner and to the same extent as is now done by the lodges.—1868.

30. *Resolved*, That candidates for promotion be required to pass a thorough examination on the preceding degree, in open Lodge or Chapter, before being advanced.—1868.

31. *Resolved*, That every petitioner for the Chapter degrees be required hereafter to state in his petition whether or not he has ever before petitioned for the Chapter degrees within this Jurisdiction, and if so to what Chapter, and the result of the same; and in case such petition has been rejected, he shall not be received unless recommended by a unanimous vote of the Chapter rejecting him.

FORMS.

NO. I.

PROXY OF HIGH PRIEST, KING, OR SCRIBE.

I, A. B., — of — Chapter No. —, do hereby appoint Companion C. D. my representative in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois, at the next Annual Convocation, to be held in —, on the Friday after the first Tuesday in October, A. D. 18—, empowering him to act on my behalf; hereby ratifying and confirming whatever he may lawfully do in said capacity.

[SEAL.]

NO. II.

PROXY OF HIGH PRIEST, KING, OR SCRIBE, OR ANY TWO OF THEM.

We, the High Priest, King, and Scribe of — Chapter, No. —, do hereby appoint Companion A. B. our representative in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois, at the next Annual Convocation, to be held in —, on the Friday after the first Tuesday in October, A. D. 18—, empowering him to act on our behalf; hereby ratifying and confirming whatsoever may be lawfully done in the premises.

Given under our hands and seals, at —, Illinois, this — day of —, A. D. 18—.

H. P. [SEAL.]

K. [SEAL.]

S. [SEAL.]

NO. III.

FORM OF PETITION FOR CHAPTER DEGREES.

To the M. E. High Priest, E. King, E. Scribe, and Companions of — Chapter No. —, Royal Arch Masons :

The subscriber, a Master Mason in good standing, and a member of — Lodge, No. —, A. F. & A. Masons, respectfully prays that the degrees conferred in your Chapter may be conferred upon him if found worthy. He resides at —; his occupation [or business] [or profession] is that of a —.

Recommended by Comps.

Signed,

A. B.

—, A. L. 58—.

(See Resolution, No. 31.)

NO. IV.

FORM OF PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

To the M. E. High Priest, E. King, E. Scribe, and Companions of ——— Chapter No. —, Royal Arch Masons :

The subscriber, a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, not now a member of any Chapter, is desirous of becoming a member of your Chapter, if found worthy. He resides in ——— ; occupation [or profession] ———.

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| Recommended by Comps. | } | Signed, | A. B. |
| C. D. | | | |
| E. F. | | | |

———, A. L. 58—.

NO. V.

FORM OF DIMIT.

To all Royal Arch Masons to whom this may come, the M. E. High Priest, E. King, E. Scribe, and Companions of ——— Chapter No. —, send fraternal salutations :

Know Ye, that Comp. ———, a member of said Chapter, in good standing, and clear of the Chapter books, at his request, is duly dimitted from said membership.

Done in open Chapter, this — day of ———, A. L. 58—, as witness my hand and the seal of said Chapter.

[SEAL.]

———, H. P.

Attest : ———, Secretary.

NO. VI.

FORM OF PETITION FOR DISPENSATION FOR NEW CHAPTER.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois :

The undersigned, Royal Arch Masons in good standing, are desirous of forming a new Chapter, to be named ———. Therefore, with the approbation of ——— Chapter, No. —, we respectfully pray for a dispensation empowering us to meet as a regular Chapter, at ———, on the — of each month. We do nominate and recommend Comp. ——— to be the first High Priest ; Comp. ——— to be the first King, and Comp. ——— to be the first Scribe of said Chapter. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise a strict obedience to the commands of the Grand High Priest, and to the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations of the Grand and General Grand Chapters.

———, A. L. 58—, A. D. 18—.

N. B.—This petition must be signed by nine Royal Arch Masons.

NO. VII.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF A CHAPTER CONSENTING TO THE FORMATION OF
A NEW CHAPTER, AND RECOMMENDING THE PETITIONERS—TO BE INDORSED
ON THE PETITION.*To the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois :*

This certifies that the High Priest, King, Scribe and Companions of —— Chapter No. —, are satisfied with the proposal of the Companions herein named to form a new Chapter in —— . They recommend them to the M. E. Grand High Priest as Royal Arch Masons in good standing ; and, not doubting that they will be more useful in a new Chapter, their petition is approved, and it is recommended that its prayer be granted.

Done at a regular meeting of —— Chapter No. —, ——, A. L. 58—.

[SEAL.]

——, H. P.

Attest : —— Secretary of —— Chapter No. —.

NO. VIII.

FORM OF TRAVELING CERTIFICATE.

To all Royal Arch Masons to whom this may come, we send fraternal salutations :

This is to certify that Comp. —— is a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of —— Chapter No. —, Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, and as such is recommended to the kind attention of all Royal Arch Masons wherever he may sojourn.

Given under my hand, and seal of said Chapter, this —— day of ——, A. D. ——, A. L. ——.

[SEAL.]

——, Secretary.

MASONIC CALENDAR.

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it **Anno Lucis* (A. L.), "in the year of Light."

SCOTCH RITE, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used, *Anno Mundi* (A. M.), "in the year of the World."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, *Anno Inventionis* (A. Inv.), "in the year of the Discovery."

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS date from the year in which the temple of Solomon was completed, *Anno Depositionis* (A. Dep.), "in the year of the Deposit."

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR commence their era with the organization of their Order, *Anno Ordinis* (A. O.), "in the year of the Order."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES.

1. ANCIENT CRAFT.—Add 4000 to the time. Thus: $1867 + 4000 = 5867$.

2. SCOTCH RITE.—Add 3760 to the common era. Thus: $1867 + 3760 = 5627$. After September add another year.

3. ROYAL ARCH.—Add 530 years to the vulgar era. Thus: $1867 + 530 = 2397$.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.—Add 1000 to the common time. Thus: $1867 + 1000 = 2867$.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.—From the Christian Era take 1118. Thus: $1867 - 1118 = 749$.

THE PRESENT.

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| Year of the Lord, A. D. | 1869—Christian Era. |
| Year of Light, A. L. | 5869—Ancient Craft. |
| Year of the World, A. M. | 5629—Scotch Rite. |
| Year of the Discovery, A. Inv. | 2399—Royal Arch. |
| Year of the Deposit, A. Dep. | 2869—Royal and Select Masters. |
| Year of the Order, A. O. | 751—Knights Templar. |

* Not claimed to be coeval with the Creation, but has symbolic reference to the Light of Masonry.

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

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| M. E. JAMES V. Z. BLANEY, | No. 2---- | Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " LEVI LUSK, | " 9---- | Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " LOUIS WATSON, | " 5---- | Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " IRA A. W. BUCK, | " 22---- | Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " EDWARD M. M. CLARKE, | " 3---- | Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " HIRAM W. HUBBARD, | " 93---- | Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " WILEY M. EGAN, | " 43---- | Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " LOYAL L. MUNN, | " 28---- | Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " ORLIN H. MINER, | " 1---- | Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " JAMES H. MILES, | " 2---- | Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " JOHN M. PEARSON, | " 8---- | Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " AUGUSTUS A. MURRAY, | " 21---- | Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " JAMES A. HAWLEY, | " 56---- | Grand High Priest. |
| " " ASA W. BLAKESLEY, | " 5---- | Past Dep'y Grand High Priest. |
| " " CHARLES W. MATHENY, | " 1---- | Past Dep'y Grand High Priest. |
| " " JAMES C. LUCKEY, | " 61---- | Deputy Grand High Priest. |
| " " THOMAS J. WADE, | " 37---- | Past Grand King. |
| " " GEORGE E. LOUNSBURY, | " 74---- | Grand King. |
| " " PETER SWEAT, | " 7---- | Past Grand Scribe. |
| " " T. S. HAZEN, | " 6---- | Past Grand Scribe. |
| " " JAMES STEELE, | " 32---- | Past Grand Scribe. |
| " " WILLIAM J. A. DELANCY, | " 93---- | Grand Scribe. |

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ILLINOIS NEAR OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS.

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| <i>Iowa</i> | COMP. H. H. HEMENWAY. |
| <i>Louisiana</i> | COMP. JAMES C. BATCHELER. |
| <i>New York</i> | COMP. JOHN W. SIMONS. |

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND CHAPTERS NEAR THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ILLINOIS.

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| <i>Iowa</i> | COMP. LOYAL L. MUNN, |
| <i>Kansas</i> | COMP. ASA W. BLAKESLEY. |
| <i>Louisiana</i> | COMP. ORLIN H. MINER. |
| <i>Minnesota</i> | COMP. JOHN C. BAKER. |
| <i>Missouri</i> | COMP. JAMES H. MILES. |
| <i>New York</i> | COMP. HARMAN G. REYNOLDS. |
| <i>Oregon</i> | COMP. JAMES H. MILES. |

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons
FOR THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

As Revised and Amended at the 21st Triennial Convocation, held at Baltimore, Md., Sept. 1871.

ARTICLE I.
OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

SECTION 1. There shall be a General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for the United States of America, which shall be holden triennially, at such time and place as shall from time to time be designated for that purpose; and at which time the General Grand Officers shall be elected by ballot, and installed, except the General Grand Chaplain, who shall be appointed by the General Grand High Priest at the commencement of each Convocation of the General Grand Chapter.

The General Grand Chapter, at any regular meeting, may change the time for the next succeeding meeting; and if, in the opinion of the General Grand High Priest, or, in case of his death or absence, of the senior General Grand Officer, there shall be danger to life or health, from sickness or other local cause, by any meeting being held at the time appointed, he may change the time of the particular meeting to some subsequent time; and, in the event of such change being made, he shall immediately notify the General Grand Secretary thereof, who shall forthwith notify the other officers and members, in such manner as he may deem best calculated to effect the desired object.

SEC. 2. The General Grand Chapter has and possesses no other powers than such as are indispensably necessary to the exercise of its general powers, and consistent with the nature of the confederation between the State Grand Chapters. It can exercise no doubtful powers, nor any powers by implication merely; and all Masonic powers not hereby granted to it are reserved to the Grand and Subordinate Chapters of the several States, or to Royal Arch Masons individually.

It shall have and maintain jurisdiction over all Chapters established by itself in those States, Districts, Republics and Territories which recognize this jurisdiction, and where there is no Grand Chapter established.

It shall have power to decide all questions of Masonic law, usage and custom which may arise between any two or more Grand Chapters, or in any of the Subordinate Chapters under its own immediate jurisdiction, and all that may be referred to it for its decision by any Grand Chapter, by formal vote ; and its decisions so made shall be deemed and regarded as those of the supreme judicial tribunal of Royal Arch Masonry in the last resort.

It shall have no power of discipline, admonition, censure or instruction over the Grand Chapters ; nor any legislative powers whatever, not hereby specially granted : nor any authority to suspend the proceedings of any State Grand Chapters ; nor shall entertain any complaint against a Grand Chapter, preferred by any Subordinate Chapter or individual Mason in that jurisdiction or elsewhere ; but it may, upon proper reference to it of any matter of controversy between any two or more Grand Chapters, and even where the question is not one of Masonic law, custom or usage (both or all such Grand Chapters consenting to such reference), act as final arbiter between them, and settle such controversy.

It shall judge of the qualifications of its own members. It shall see that the ancient work of the Order is preserved in the several degrees ; and establish uniform formulas for installation of its own officers and those of Grand and Subordinate Chapters ; for the consecration and constitution of Chapters, and the opening of Grand Chapters. And it may suspend the Proceedings of any Chapter under its own immediate Jurisdiction, in any State, District or Territory where there is no Grand Chapter, for any wilful violation of any of the provisions of this Constitution, or for gross, unmasonic proceedings or conduct.

SEC. 3. The Officers of the General Grand Chapter shall consist of a General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Treasurer, General Grand Secretary, General Grand Chaplain, General Grand Captain of the Host, and General Grand Royal Arch Captain. These, together with the first four officers, and all Past Grand High Priests of every State Grand Chapter under this Jurisdiction, or the proxies of the first four General Grand Officers, and of the first four officers of each State Grand Chapter aforesaid, shall compose the General Grand Chapter : *Provided*, That any Chapter under this Jurisdiction, in any State, District or Territory where there is no Grand Chapter duly established, shall have a right to appear by its first three officers, or any one or two of them, which officers shall collectively have one vote.

SEC. 4. On all questions to be decided by the General Grand Chapter, each State Grand Chapter shall be entitled to four votes by its representative or representatives. If there be but two representatives, the inferior officer or his proxy shall give but his own single vote, and the higher officer or his proxy shall give the other three. If there be three representatives, the highest officer or his proxy shall give two votes, and the others or their proxies one each.

The General Grand Officers, when present, shall each have one vote ; and no General Grand Officer shall be allowed to take a seat in the General Grand Chapter, as the representative of any State Grand Chapter ; nor shall any member of the General Grand Chapter be permitted to vote as proxy, while the person giving the proxy is present ; nor shall any person be admitted into the General Grand Chapter, as the representative of more than one State Grand Chapter, at one and the same time.

SEC. 5. The General Grand High Priest and Deputy General Grand High Priest shall have authority to call a special meeting of the General Grand Chapter, whenever they may consider it expedient or necessary ; and it shall be their duty so to do when properly requested by a majority of the State Grand Chapters, of which four months' notice shall be given of the time and place of meeting.

SEC. 6. The General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King and General Grand Scribe shall severally have power and authority to grant Dispensations, for a limited length of time, for new Royal Arch Chapters and Lodges of the appendant Orders, in any State, Country, Republic or Territory in which there is not a Grand Chapter regularly established, when in their opinion the good of the Craft may require the same ; which term of time shall in no case extend beyond the close of the next triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter. But no new Chapter shall be established in any State, Country, Republic or Territory where there is a Chapter, within a reasonable distance, under the Jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, without the approbation of the Chapter nearest to the place where said new Chapter is proposed to be located. And in all cases of such Dispensation, the officer who may grant the same shall immediately notify the General Grand Secretary thereof, and make report of the same at the next triennial meeting of this General Grand Chapter, when the General Grand Chapter may grant the said Chapter a Charter.

SEC. 7. The fees for instituting a new Royal Arch Chapter, with subordinate degrees, shall be ninety dollars, and no more ; and no credit shall be given for Dispensations or Charters, or for conferring the degrees, in any Chapter or Lodge under this Jurisdiction. And every Chapter, holden by Dispensation or Charter under this Jurisdiction, shall pay into the treasury of the General Grand Chapter the sum of two dollars for each Companion therein exalted, until such time as a Grand Chapter shall be regularly established in the State, Country, Republic or Territory in which such Subordinate Chapter is located. The Secretary shall be paid, by the petitioners, ten dollars for his services in furnishing the Charter.

The fees in the several States for conferring the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason, shall not be less than twenty dollars.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, and General Grand Scribe, to improve and perfect themselves in the sublime Arts, and work of Mark Masters, Past Masters, Most Excellent Masters, and Royal Arch Masons ; to make them-

selves masters of the several Masonic Lectures, and Ancient Charges ; to consult with each other, and with the Grand, and Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings, and Scribes of the several State Grand Chapters aforesaid, for the purpose of adopting measures suitable and proper for diffusing a knowledge of the said Lectures and Charges. And the better to accomplish this laudable object, the aforesaid officers are hereby severally authorized and empowered to visit and preside in any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Lodge of Most Excellent Master, Mark, and Past Master Masons throughout the said States, and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the Fraternity may require—always adhering to the ancient landmarks of the Order.

SEC. 9. The only degrees recognized by this General Grand Chapter, to be conferred in Chapters under its Jurisdiction, are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason. And no Royal Arch Mason who shall have regularly received said degrees, shall be excluded from the rights of such, by reason of his not being in possession of any other, so called, degrees.

SEC. 10. In all cases of the absence of an officer from any body of Masons, instituted or holden by virtue of this Constitution, the officer next in rank shall occupy his place, unless, through courtesy, or for other reasons, he should decline in favor of a Past High Priest.

SEC. 11. In every Chapter and Lodge under the immediate Jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, all questions (except the admission of members or candidates, which shall require a unanimous ballot), shall be considered and determined in such way and manner as such Chapters and Lodges may, all circumstances considered, find most conducive to their harmony and permanent prosperity: *Provided*, They do not in any case interfere with or infringe on the regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 12. The General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter shall have and keep a seal, which shall be affixed to all his communications.

SEC. 13. Should any casualty, at any time hereafter, prevent the triennial election of officers, the several officers shall retain their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 14. An appeal shall in all cases lie to the General Grand Chapter, from the decision of the M.: E.: General Grand High Priest ; but his opinion and decisions shall stand as the judgment of the General Grand Chapter, unless it is otherwise determined by the concurrent vote of two-thirds of all the members present.

ARTICLE II.

OF STATE GRAND CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. The State Grand Chapters shall severally consist of a Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Host ; and

likewise of the High Priests, Kings, and Scribes, for the time being, of the several Chapters over which they shall respectively preside, and of the Past Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings, and Scribes, of the said Grand Chapters. And the said Grand Chapters shall have full power and authority to elect such other officers, and to establish such rules and regulations, as they shall, from time to time, consider necessary and proper: *Provided*, such regulations do not in any way interfere with the provisions of this Constitution.

SEC. 2. The State Grand Chapters shall severally be holden once in every year, and oftener if they may consider it expedient or necessary, at such time and place as they shall respectively direct. And, at their annual meetings, the constitutional officers shall be elected, or appointed in such manner as shall be provided for by their rules and regulations, and installed into their respective offices. And the Grand, or Deputy Grand High Priests, respectively, for the time being, may call special meetings to be holden at such times and places as they may think proper.

SEC. 3. The several State Grand Chapters shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several Royal Arch Chapters, and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past, and Mark Master Masons, within their respective Jurisdictions; to assign their limits, and to settle the controversies that may happen between them; and shall have power, under their respective seals and the signs manual of their respective Grand, or Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings, and Scribes, attested by their respective Grand Secretaries, to constitute new Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, within their respective Jurisdictions; but their Jurisdictions shall in no case be construed to extend beyond the limits of the State, except by consent of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 4. The Grand, and Deputy Grand High Priests, severally, shall have the power and authority, whenever they shall deem it expedient, during the recess of the Grand Chapter of which they are officers, to grant letters of Dispensation under their respective hands and private seals, to a competent number of petitioners, possessing the qualifications required by the 7th Section of the second Article of this Constitution, empowering them to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for a certain specified term of time: *Provided*, That the said term of time shall not extend beyond the next meeting of the Grand Chapter of the State in which such Dispensation shall be granted: *And provided further*, That the same fees as are required by this Constitution for Charters, shall be first deposited in the hands of the Grand Secretary. And in all cases of such Dispensation, the officer who may grant the same, shall make report thereof at the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter of his Jurisdiction, when the said Grand Chapter may either continue or recall the said Dispensation, or may grant the petitioners a Charter of Constitution. And in case such Charter shall be granted, the fees first deposited shall be credited in payment of the same; but if a Charter should not be granted, nor the Dispensation continued, the said fees shall be refunded to the petitioners, excepting only such part thereof as shall have been actually expended by means of their application.

SEC. 5. No Dispensation or Charter shall be granted for instituting Lodges of Most Excellent, Past, or Mark Masters, independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

SEC. 6. The Grand Chapters shall have power, severally, to require from the several Chapters under their respective Jurisdictions, such reasonable proportion of sums received by them for the exaltation or advancement of candidates, and such certain annual sums from their respective members, as by their ordinances or regulations shall be appointed; all which said sums or dues shall be made good and paid annually by the said Chapters, respectively, over to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter under which they hold their authority, on or before the first day of the respective annual meetings of the several Grand Chapters.

SEC. 7. No Dispensation or Charter for the institution of a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall be granted, except upon the petition of nine regular Royal Arch Masons; which petition shall be accompanied with a certificate from the Chapter nearest to the place where the new Chapter is intended to be opened, vouching for the moral character and Masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending that a Dispensation or Charter be granted them.

SEC. 8. The Grand Secretaries of the State Grand Chapters shall, severally, make an annual communication to each other, and also to the Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, containing a list of Grand Officers, and all such other matters as may be deemed necessary for the mutual benefit and information of the said Grand Chapters. And the said Grand Secretaries shall also regularly transmit to the Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, a copy of all their by-laws and regulations; and also a copy of their proceedings annually, to each of the officers of the General Grand Chapter; and the State Grand Chapters shall see that their Secretaries faithfully and punctually perform this duty.

SEC. 9. Whenever there shall have been three Chapters regularly instituted and consecrated in any State, Country, Republic or Territory, by virtue of authority derived from this Constitution, a Grand Chapter shall be established, so soon as convenience and propriety may dictate: *Provided*, That the approbation of one of the first four officers of the General Grand Chapter be first obtained. And said Grand Chapters, by their regular officers, shall assemble in some suitable place, elect their officers, and make such rules and regulations for their government as may be necessary—not inconsistent with the regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 10. No person shall be permitted to take a seat in any State Grand Chapter, as the representative of more than one Chapter; nor unless he is a member of a Subordinate Chapter under that Jurisdiction.

ARTICLE III.

OF THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons throughout this Jurisdiction shall have a Dispensation, as is provided in Section 6 of Article I, or Section 4 of Article II, of this Constitution, or a Charter from the General Grand Chapter, or from some Grand Chapter under the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter; and no Chapter shall be deemed legal without such Dispensation or Charter; and Masonic communication, both public and private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Chapter, or any member of it, and any Chapter or assembly that may be so illegally formed, opened or holden, without such Charter, or any or either of their members, or any person exalted or advanced in such illegal Chapter. But nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any Chapter which was established before the adoption of the Grand Royal Arch Constitution, at Hartford, on the 27th day of January, A. D. 1798.

SEC. 2. Whenever a Charter is issued for instituting a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, with a power in said Charter to open and hold Lodges of Most Excellent, Past, and Mark Master Masons, the High Priest, King and Scribe, for the time being, of such Chapter, shall be the Master and Wardens in said Lodges, according to seniority.

SEC. 3. It is incumbent on the High Priest of every Chapter, as appertaining to his office, duty and dignity, to see that the By-Laws of his Chapter, as well as the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and the Regulations of the Grand Chapter, be duly observed; that all his subordinate officers perform the duties of their respective stations faithfully, and are examples of diligence and industry to their companions; that true and exact records be kept of all the proceedings of the Chapter, by the Secretary; that the Treasurer keep and render exact and just accounts of all moneys belonging to the Chapter; that regular returns be made by the Secretary annually to the Grand Chapter, of the admission of all candidates or members; and that the annual dues to the Grand Chapter be regularly and punctually paid. The Charter of his Chapter is committed to his special care and charge. He has the right and authority of calling his Chapter at pleasure, upon any emergency or occurrence which in his judgment may require their meeting, and he is to fill the chair when present. It is likewise his duty, together with his King and Scribe, to attend the regular and special meetings of the Grand Chapter, either in person or by proxy.

SEC. 4. No person having been a member of a Chapter, shall be admitted a member of any other Chapter under this Jurisdiction, until he shall have produced a certificate from the Chapter to which he last belonged, that he was in regular standing, and as such, at his own request, is dismissed and recommended.

SEC. 5. That any worthy Companion, from without the Jurisdiction of the United States, who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce

satisfactory evidence of his having received that degree, that each and every Chapter under the Jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter have liberty, and they are hereby authorized, to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, on such Companions (who have not heretofore received them), to the end that they may be healed, and thereby become regular Royal Arch Masons, free of charge.

SEC. 6. That the Subordinate Chapter so conferring said degrees shall be exempt from paying any dues therefor.

SEC. 7. It shall not be deemed regular for any Chapter to confer the degrees of the Chapter upon any person whose fixed place of abode is within any other State in which there is a Chapter regularly established, except by the consent of the Chapter nearest the place of residence of said applicant.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SECTION 1. Whenever it shall be inconvenient for the General Grand Officers, or the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priests, respectively, to attend in person, to constitute a new Chapter and install the officers, they shall, severally, have power and authority to appoint some worthy High Priest, or Past High Priest, or the High Priest of the same Chapter while it was under Dispensation, when he himself shall have been installed, to perform the necessary ceremonies.

SEC. 2. The officers of every Chapter under this Jurisdiction, whether Chartered or under Dispensation, before they enter upon the exercise of their respective offices, and also the members of all such Chapters, and every candidate upon his admission into the same, shall take the following obligation, viz.: "I, A. B., do promise and swear, that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America."

SEC. 3. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, unless such alteration or amendment be proposed in writing at one regular meeting of the General Grand Chapter, published among the minutes of the proceedings, and at the next regular meeting receive the approval of two-thirds of the members then present.

TABLE OF STATISTICS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTERS OF THE UNITED STATES

Prepared for Publication with the Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter,

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| GRAND CHAPTERS. | No. of Subordinates. | Members. | Exaltations. | Admissions and Resignations. | Dimissions. | Expulsions. | Suspensions. | Suspensions for Non-payment of Dues. | Deaths. | Rejections. |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Alabama | 53 | 2,184 | 147 | 82 | 121 | 2 | 7 | 129 | 50 | 7 |
| Arkansas | 55 | 1,307 | 240 | 28 | 90 | 1 | ----- | 21 | 20 | ----- |
| California | 40 | 1,769 | 244 | 35 | 115 | 3 | 1 | 33 | 26 | 21 |
| Connecticut | 30 | 3,835 | 248 | 11 | 36 | 1 | ----- | ----- | 36 | ----- |
| Delaware | 4 | 187 | 25 | 1 | 3 | ----- | ----- | ----- | 1 | ----- |
| District of Columbia | 7 | 836 | 116 | 23 | 27 | 2 | ----- | 42 | 10 | 5 |
| Florida | 13 | 496 | 68 | 10 | 25 | 1 | 4 | ----- | 9 | ----- |
| Georgia | 44 | 2,061 | 187 | 30 | 59 | 1 | 27 | ----- | 26 | ----- |
| Illinois | 146 | 8,405 | 1,028 | 73 | 241 | 10 | 89 | ----- | 81 | ----- |
| Indiana | 74 | 3,548 | 497 | 54 | 105 | 9 | 37 | ----- | 35 | ----- |
| Iowa | 60 | 2,556 | 427 | 45 | 113 | ----- | 3 | 15 | 16 | ----- |
| Kansas | 17 | 610 | 91 | 21 | 17 | ----- | 3 | ----- | 3 | 10 |
| Kentucky | 98 | 3,397 | 379 | 59 | 134 | ----- | ----- | 111 | 44 | 18 |
| Louisiana | 26 | 1,577 | 133 | 23 | 53 | ----- | 4 | 24 | 51 | ----- |
| Maine | 35 | 3,069 | 381 | 336 | 46 | ----- | ----- | 8 | 23 | 30 |
| Maryland | 10 | 935 | 84 | 14 | 13 | ----- | 2 | 19 | 11 | 3 |
| Massachusetts | 50 | 6,129 | 664 | ----- | 77 | ----- | 5 | 52 | 50 | ----- |
| Michigan | 75 | 5,560 | 504 | 64 | 150 | 7 | 13 | ----- | 52 | 114 |
| Minnesota | 19 | 968 | 126 | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Mississippi | 79 | 2,583 | 167 | 132 | 132 | 1 | 2 | 169 | 50 | ----- |
| Missouri | 66 | 3,009 | 478 | 85 | 160 | 3 | 2 | 20 | 30 | 38 |
| Nebraska | 5 | 264 | 58 | 13 | 4 | 1 | ----- | ----- | 2 | ----- |
| New Hampshire | 17 | 1,804 | 126 | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| New Jersey | 22 | 2,233 | 287 | 2 | 33 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 15 | ----- |
| New York | 179 | 15,733 | 1,927 | 146 | 289 | 13 | 7 | 367 | 170 | 223 |
| North Carolina | 14 | 608 | 13 | 13 | 7 | 1 | ----- | 8 | 8 | 1 |
| Ohio | 120 | 6,604 | 679 | 134 | 301 | 10 | 4 | 150 | 71 | ----- |
| Oregon | 5 | 176 | 5 | ----- | 5 | ----- | 1 | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Pennsylvania | 75 | 6,898 | 884 | 62 | 238 | ----- | 236 | ----- | ----- | 39 |
| Rhode Island | 10 | 1,381 | 177 | 2 | 28 | ----- | ----- | ----- | 7 | 32 |
| South Carolina | 37 | 894 | 70 | 5 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 10 | 1 |
| Tennessee | 87 | 4,161 | 368 | 55 | 180 | 9 | ----- | 30 | 63 | ----- |
| Texas | 95 | 3,220 | 341 | 124 | 180 | 14 | ----- | 230 | 68 | ----- |
| Vermont | 24 | 1,562 | 135 | 3 | 22 | ----- | 5 | ----- | 16 | ----- |
| Virginia | 46 | 1,690 | ----- | 72 | 1 | ----- | ----- | 32 | 36 | ----- |
| Wisconsin | 40 | 2,466 | 182 | 38 | 124 | 2 | ----- | 49 | 24 | 28 |
| Totals | 1,777 | 104,715 | 11,486 | 1,723 | 3,215 | 96 | 457 | 1,536 | 1,114 | 570 |

OFFICERS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO SEPTEMBER, 1871.

| YEAR. | WHERE HELD. | G. G. HIGH PRIESTS. | DEPUTY G. G. HIGH PRIESTS. | G. G. G. KINGS. | G. G. G. SCRIBES. | G. G. G. TREASURERS. | G. G. G. SECRETARIES. | G. G. G. CHAPLAINS. | G. G. G. MARSHALS. |
|-------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1798 | Hartford, Ct. | Ephraim Kirby | | Benjamin Hurd, Jr. | Thomas S. Webb. | S. T. Hosmer. | William Woart. | A. L. Clarke. | Gurdon Lathrop. |
| 1798 | Middletown, Ct. | Ephraim Kirby | | Benjamin Hurd, Jr. | Thomas S. Webb. | S. T. Hosmer. | William Woart. | A. L. Clarke. | Gurdon Lathrop. |
| 1799 | Providence, R. I. | Ephraim Kirby | | Benjamin Hurd, Jr. | Thomas S. Webb. | S. T. Hosmer. | William Woart. | A. L. Clarke. | John C. TenBroeck. |
| 1806 | Middletown, Ct. | Benj. Hurd, Jr.* | | Thomas S. Webb. | Philip P. Eckel. | Jas. Harrison. | John Abbott. | Jonathan Nye. | Joseph Huntington. |
| 1816 | New York City. | DeWitt Clinton | Thomas S. Webb | John H. Lynde* | Philip P. Eckel* | Peter Grennell. | John Abbott. | Jonathan Nye. | John Harris. |
| 1816 | New York City. | DeWitt Clinton | John Snow | John L. Wilson* | Paul Dean. | Peter Grennell. | John Abbott. | Jonathan Nye. | David G. Cowan. |
| 1816 | New York City. | DeWitt Clinton | J. R. Poinsett. | Paul Dean. | Jos. K. Stapleton. | Peter Grennell. | L. Chapman. | Jonathan Nye. | William G. Hunt. |
| 1816 | New York City. | Ed. Livingston. | J. R. Poinsett. | Paul Dean. | Jos. K. Stapleton. | Peter Grennell. | L. Chapman. | Jonathan Nye. | Amos Nourse. |
| 1816 | Baltimore, Md. | Ed. Livingston. | J. R. Poinsett. | Paul Dean. | Jos. K. Stapleton. | Peter Grennell. | L. Chapman. | Jonathan Nye. | Amos Nourse. |
| 1832 | Washington, D. C. | Ed. Livingston. | J. R. Poinsett. | Paul Dean. | Jos. K. Stapleton. | Peter Grennell. | L. Chapman. | Jonathan Nye. | Amos Nourse. |
| 1835 | Boston, Mass. | Paul Dean. | Jos. K. Stapleton. | T. B. Van Vetchten* | J. W. Crawford. | E. A. Raymond. | Charles Gilman. | Frederick Clark. | Ingoldsby W. Crawford |
| 1841 | New York City. | Paul Dean. | Jos. K. Stapleton. | I. W. Crawford. | Ezra S. Barnum. | E. A. Raymond. | Charles Gilman. | Robert Punshon. | Nathan B. Haswell. |
| 1844 | New Haven, Ct. | Paul Dean. | Jos. K. Stapleton. | I. W. Crawford. | Ezra S. Barnum. | E. A. Raymond. | Charles Gilman. | Robert Punshon. | Nathan B. Haswell. |
| 1847 | Columbus, O. | Robt. P. Dunlap. | Jos. K. Stapleton. | Willis Stewart. | Ezra S. Barnum. | E. A. Raymond. | Charles Gilman. | Anson Clarke. | Nathan B. Haswell. |
| 1850 | Boston, Mass. | Robt. P. Dunlap. | Jos. K. Stapleton. | Willis Stewart. | Ezra S. Barnum. | E. A. Raymond. | Charles Gilman. | Paul Dean. | Nathan B. Haswell. |
| 1853 | Lexington, Ky. | Robt. P. Dunlap. | Willis Stewart. | Charles Gilman. | Abner V. Rowe* | E. A. Raymond. | Benj. B. French. | N. B. Haswell. | G. H. C. Melody. |
| 1853 | Hartford, Ct. | Charles Gilman. | Phillip C. Tucker* | Amos Adams* | John L. Lewis, Jr. | E. A. Raymond. | Benj. B. French. | J. R. Hartsock. | David Clark. |
| 1859 | Chicago, Ill. | Albert G. Mackey | John L. Lewis, Jr. | Ira A. W. Buck | Giles M. Hillyer* | James Penn. | Sam'l G. Risk. | John McClellan. | William Hacker. |
| 1865 | Columbus, O. | John L. Lewis | Ira A. W. Buck | A. T. C. Pierson | J. Q. A. Fellows. | John McClellan. | John D. Caldwell. | William Hacker. | James L. Gould. |
| 1868 | St. Louis, Mo. | James M. Austin. | Robert S. Bruns. | William Hacker. | Martin Collins. | John McClellan. | John D. Caldwell. | Isaac S. Titus. | Orlin H. Miner. |
| 1871. | Baltimore, Md. | J. H. Drummond. | Elbert H. English | Charles H. Ohr | Charles Marsh. | John McClellan. | Christopher G. Fox | Joseph Yates. | Dewitt C. Dawkins. |

* Dead. † Office changed to "Captain of the Host." ‡ Office changed to "Royal Arch Captain."

CHRONOLOGICAL MEMORANDUM OF IMPORTANT TRANSACTIONS.

October 24, 1797.—Preliminary meeting of three Chapters, at Boston, Mass.
January 24, 1798.—Organization of the "Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America."
September, 1798.—First meeting after organization for the choice of officers.
January 9, 1799.—Adjourned meeting; change of name to that of "General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America."
January 9, 1806.—Change of name to that of "The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America." September, 1812, was, by resolution, fixed as the time, and New York City as the place for the next septennial session.
June 6, 1816.—Held in New York by reason of failure to meet in 1812. Constitution changed so as to have a Deputy General Grand High Priest.
September, 1819.—Held agreeably to adjournment.
February, 1823.—Adjournment was to Washington, District of Columbia, at this time, but not held.
September, 1826.—Met according to previous notice. Meetings made triennial.
November, 1823.—Held in this month on account of cholera in Baltimore during September.
September, 1862.—Appointed to meet at Memphis, Tenn., but not held on account of the war.
September, 1871.—Constitution amended admitting Past Grand High Priests as Permanent Members.

ORGANIZATIONS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ILLINOIS.

| No. | NAME. | LOCATION. | COUNTY. | HIGH PRIEST. | SECRETARY. | TIME OF MEETING. |
|-----|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | Springfield | Springfield | Sangamon | John F. Burrill | Robert L. McGuire. | Fourth Monday. |
| 2 | LaFayette | Chicago | Cook | Samuel Brown | E. N. Tucker | Second and fourth Mondays. |
| 3 | Jacksonville | Jacksonville | Morgan | Alfred Boungard | Chas. L. Hastings | Second and fourth Mondays. |
| 4 | Horeb | Henderson | Knox | J. C. McMurry | J. M. Witt | Saturday before full moon. |
| 5 | Quincy | Quincy | Adams | Granville M. Evatt | Robt. E. Lockwood | Last Tuesday. |
| 6 | Peoria | Peoria | Peoria | Wm. Rounseville | Lewis Keyon. | First Thursday. |
| 7 | Alton | Alton | Madison | Isaac E. Hardy | Frank H. Ferguson. | Friday on or before full moon. |
| 8 | Union | Pittsfield | Pike | J. J. Topliff | W. H. Johnston | Thursday on or before full moon. |
| 9 | Meredosia | Meredosia | Morgan | D. H. Lollis | G. W. Graham | Monday on or after full moon. |
| 10 | Mount Zion | Geneseo | Henry | Charles R. Deming | P. H. Shiff | First and third Tuesdays. |
| 11 | Euclid | Naperville | DuPage | M. S. Ellsworth | Clinton Beach | Second and fourth Fridays. |
| 12 | Fox River | St. Charles | Kane | A. S. Babcock | M. Quackenbush | Second and fourth Tuesdays. |
| 13 | Franklin | Upper Alton | Madison | T. P. Yerkes | F. F. Merrill | Friday on or before full moon. |
| 14 | Herman | Hinnepin | Putnam | Joseph Holland | C. Bodemer | Second Thursday. |
| 15 | Illinois | Keithsburg | Mercer | T. H. Freeman | C. A. Frick | Wednesday before full moon. |
| 16 | Barrett | Rock Island | Rock Island | H. C. Cleaveland | W. L. Sweeney | First and third Tuesdays. |
| 17 | Morse | Macomb | McDonough | Frank R. Kyle | W. C. Steinmetz | Second Friday. |
| 18 | Lusk | Vermont | Fulton | Wm. Alexander | David Hagar | First and third Wednesdays. |
| 19 | Macon | Decatur | Macon | A. A. Murray | Nathan L. Krone | Tuesday on or before full moon. |
| 20 | Aurora | Aurora | Kane | James Walker | T. H. Day | Second and fourth Mondays. |
| 21 | Freeport | Freeport | Stephenson | J. Krohn | H. N. Cronkrite | First and third Tuesdays. |
| 22 | Winnebago | Rockford | Winnebago | E. K. Conkling | Wm. Van Arnam | First Monday. |
| 23 | Pekin | Pekin | Tazewell | S. Wagenseller | S. Rhodes | First and third Wednesdays. |
| 24 | Bloomington | Bloomington | McLean | Lee Smith | Wm. Spurgin | First and third Mondays. |
| 25 | Joliet | Joliet | Will | W. W. Stevens | A. A. Osgood | Second and fourth Mondays. |
| 26 | Princeton | Princeton | Bureau | Clark Gray | William Bacon | Second Friday. |
| 27 | Clarke | Beardstown | Cass | Cyrus Andrews | J. J. Hocking | Monday on or before full moon. |
| 28 | Warren | Monmouth | Warren | D. D. Dunkle | R. L. Tatham | Second Thursday. |
| 29 | Orient | Morris | Grundy | P. A. Armstrong | Richard Wagstaff | First and third Tuesdays. |
| 30 | Edgar | Paris | Edgar | Jacob M. Bell | Wm. McMurphy | Second and fourth Tuesdays. |
| 31 | Carthage | Carthage | Hancock | Wesley H. Manier | John M. Ferris | Monday on or before full moon. |
| 32 | McHenry | McHenry | McHenry | N. B. Huff | Lewis Prugh | First and third Tuesdays. |
| 33 | Harmony | Sumner | Lawrence | A. L. Salisbury | J. A. Parrish | Second and fourth Mondays. |
| 34 | Woodstock | Woodstock | McHenry | Thomas J. Wade | W. S. Easton | First and third Wednesdays. |
| 35 | Shabbona | Ottawa | LaSalle | G. D. Slanker | J. C. Upton | First and third Wednesdays. |
| 36 | Richland | Oney | Richland | J. A. Parker | T. J. Edwards | Saturday after full moon. |
| 37 | Hutsonville | Hutsonville | Crawford | | | |

ORGANIZATIONS—CONTINUED.

| No. | Name. | Location. | County. | High Priest. | Secretary. | Time of Meeting. |
|-----|------------|-------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 41 | Waukegan | Waukegan | Lake | Daniel Brewster | H. C. Hutchinson | Second and fourth Fridays. |
| 42 | Lacon | Lacon | Cook | Arthur R. Atkins | John Whitley | First and third Fridays. |
| 43 | Washington | Chicago | Perry | H. W. Johnson | Wm. Elstine | Second Monday. |
| 44 | Duquoin | Duquoin | Perry | C. Kirkpatrick | M. M. Toman | First Friday. |
| 45 | Egyptian | Jonesboro | Union | Wm. Livingston | D. C. Brown | First and third Fridays. |
| 46 | Galesburg | Galesburg | Knox | Charles T. Wehrbridge | J. B. Mitchell | First and third Wednesdays. |
| 47 | Kewanee | Kewanee | Henry | Wm. Noecker | J. C. Johnson | Thursday before full moon. |
| 48 | Markwell | Markwell | Platt | Wm. Noecker | O. S. Holcomb | Second and fourth Mondays. |
| 49 | Scamare | Monticello | DeKalb | Wm. Noecker | P. Frank Wingard | Third Monday. |
| 50 | Champaign | Champaign | Champaign | Wm. Noecker | S. O. Stillman | Second and fourth Thursdays. |
| 51 | Jo Davis | Champaign | Jo Davis | J. C. Smith | S. Tappin | First and third Fridays. |
| 52 | DeKalb | DeKalb | DeKalb | J. C. Smith | John E. Brock | Friday after full moon. |
| 53 | Burke | Carlinville | Macoupin | Francis A. Stewart | T. C. Lawrence | First Thursday. |
| 54 | Keystone | Carlinville | Macoupin | J. J. Brown | | |
| 55 | Jackson | Shelbyville | Shelby | Orris B. Dodge | Wm. C. Robinson | First and third Mondays. |
| 56 | Nachusa | Dixon | Lee | Sydney T. Hosmer | Charles Smith | First and third Wednesdays. |
| 57 | Sterling | Sterling | Whiteside | C. C. Halliday | C. B. Clugston | Thursday before full moon. |
| 58 | Cement | Utica | LaSalle | Wm. C. McMurry | J. Freudenstein | First Tuesday. |
| 59 | Goodbrake | Clinton | DeWitt | John H. Slyder | R. C. Hattenhauer | Second Thursday. |
| 60 | Peru | Peru | LaSalle | James C. Luckey | Charles F. Barber | Monday of each week. |
| 61 | Tyrian | Polo | Ogle | J. M. Chamberlin | G. W. Brockhaus | First and third Tuesdays. |
| 62 | Lebanon | Lebanon | St. Clair | Isaac H. Shimer | Samuel Young | First and third Fridays. |
| 63 | Montgomery | Hillsboro | Montgomery | Ios. M. Morrow | C. D. Grisham | First and third Fridays. |
| 64 | Salem | Salem | Marion | Warren A. Pierce | Geo. J. Liesure | Wednesday of full moon. |
| 65 | Bement | Bement | Platt | P. C. Sloan | D. Lamb | First and third Friday. |
| 66 | Tuscola | Tuscola | Douglas | John S. Crumb | S. Jackson | First Monday. |
| 67 | Vienna | Vienna | Johnson | Sylvester Stevens | J. C. Brinkerhoff | Friday on or before full moon. |
| 68 | Canton | Canton | Fulton | A. D. Bascom | John O. Dickerson | Second and fourth Monday. |
| 69 | Corinthian | Chicago | Cook | Burns Archer | J. W. Anderson | Friday on or before full moon. |
| 70 | Marshall | Marshall | Clark | P. W. Barclay | F. Korsemyer | Third Tuesday. |
| 71 | Carro | Carro | Alexander | H. G. Dearborn | P. P. Newcomb, Jr. | Tuesday on or before full moon. |
| 72 | Augusta | Augusta | Hancock | P. T. Parkhurst | J. A. Ingersoll | Second Wednesday. |
| 73 | Lansing | Marengo | McHenry | John W. Morris | John A. Waugh | Second and fourth Tuesdays. |
| 74 | Mound | Mound City | Pulaski | Thomas J. Prickett | John S. Bridges | First and third Tuesdays. |
| 75 | Reynolds | Carbondale | Jackson | John D. Bush | Oliver Jones | Thursday after full moon. |
| 76 | Mason | Mason | Efingham | H. C. Withers | J. O. Morrow | Second Monday. |
| 77 | Carrollton | Carrollton | Greene | M. D. Butts | H. C. Clarke | Second and fourth Tuesdays. |
| 78 | Kankakee | Kankakee | Kankakee | W. F. Bromfield | Samuel Hastings | Second Tuesday. |
| 79 | Mendota | Mendota | LaSalle | Edward Blackshaw | Homer W. Ayers | Second Saturday. |
| 80 | Urbana | Urbana | Champaign | C. D. Kendall | H. H. Rayburn | Second and fourth Fridays. |
| 81 | Louisville | Louisville | Clay | | | |

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|-----|----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 82 | Vermillion | Danville | Vermillion | Joseph B. Mann | A. S. W. Hawes | Second Monday. |
| 83 | Carmi | Carmi | White | T. W. Hay | W. R. Cochran | Monday of or before full moon. |
| 84 | H. G. Reynolds | Kaskaskia | Randolph | Geo. W. Staley | J. H. Lindsey | Second and fourth Saturdays. |
| 85 | Mattoon | Kaskaskia | Coles | Wm. H. House | Wm. Kemp | Fourth Wednesday. |
| 86 | Havana | Havana | Mason | L. M. Hillger | Joseph E. Thatcher | First Friday. |
| 87 | Efingham | Efingham | Efingham | Thomas A. Brown | J. H. L. Lacy | Third Tuesday. |
| 88 | Barry | Barry | Pike | George A. Wike | D. W. Greene | Monday on or before full moon. |
| 89 | Nashville | Nashville | Washington | James H. Lowe | Frank W. Maxwell | First and third Wednesdays. |
| 90 | Kishwaukee | Belvedere | Boone | J. B. Milliken | Forester Clark | First and third Wednesdays. |
| 91 | Geo. L. Dunlap | Harvard | McHenry | J. N. Williams | G. W. Nuckolls | Tuesday on or before full moon. |
| 92 | Auburn | Auburn | Sangamon | W. J. A. Delancy | Cy. D. Fletcher | First and third Wednesdays. |
| 93 | Centralia | Centralia | Marion | G. W. Hartman | S. W. Custer | Monday on or after full moon. |
| 94 | Homer | Homer | Champaign | A. W. Martin | C. W. Stevens | Second and fourth Mondays. |
| 95 | Raboni | Knoxville | Knox | M. N. Daniels | M. N. Frederick | First and third Tuesdays. |
| 96 | L. L. Munn | Elgin | Kane | Jos. B. Miles | Thomas Handsaker | Wednesday on or before full moon. |
| 97 | Tazewell | Washington | Tazewell | Geo. N. Pierce | J. W. Hensley | Wednesday on or before full moon. |
| 98 | Eureka | Yates City | Knox | N. T. P. Robertson | I. E. Bliss | First and third Wednesdays. |
| 99 | Fairbury | Fairbury | Livingston | Chas. M. Edwards | Alonzo N. Owen | Second and fourth Fridays. |
| 100 | Marion | Marion | Williamson | Wm. H. Scott | James L. Elliott | Third Wednesday. |
| 101 | Metropolitan | Metropolis | Massac | James Douglass | W. P. Askins | First and third Mondays. |
| 102 | Taylorville | Taylorville | Christian | Lewis Slocum | Edgar Parker | Second and fourth Mondays. |
| 103 | Staley | Sparta | Randolph | Fred. W. Byers | Geo. M. Schermerhorn | Second Tuesday. |
| 104 | Clayton | Clayton | Adams | A. S. Wilderman | A. B. Russell | First and third Saturdays. |
| 105 | Lena | Lena | Stephenson | Jas. H. Furman | Geo. E. Kennedy | First and third Tuesdays. |
| 106 | Belleville | Belleville | St. Clair | Abraham Saltee | John Phelps | Wednesday on or before full moon. |
| 107 | Sandwich | Sandwich | De Kalb | Simpson Johnson | Wm. S. Heath | Wednesday after full moon. |
| 108 | Fulton | Fulton | Whiteside | John W. Page | John J. Perry | First Thursday. |
| 109 | Newton | Newton | Jasper | B. Mendenhall | I. Rice | Saturday after full moon. |
| 110 | Woodford | Woodford | Woodcock | E. L. Marquis | A. O. Damon | Thursday on or before full moon. |
| 111 | Dallas | Dallas | LaSalle | S. J. Toy | T. S. Arnold | Second and fourth Mondays. |
| 112 | New Rutland | New Rutland | Ford | Decatur Morgan | Samuel P. Mooney | Second and fourth Wednesdays. |
| 113 | Ford | Paxton | Iroquois | James Davie | Peter L. Camp | First and third Fridays. |
| 114 | Watska | Watska | Christian | N. P. Keyes | F. J. Filbert | Tuesday after full moon. |
| 115 | Pana | Pana | Macoupin | N. Michael | F. W. Grimes | First and third Tuesdays. |
| 116 | Stanton | Stanton | Cook | John H. Toole | I. G. Stradtman | Saturday after full moon. |
| 117 | Palatine | Palatine | Pike | Thos. J. Whitehead | M. P. Thompson | Second Monday. |
| 118 | Milton | Milton | Menard | H. Hamilton | Jos. W. Ewing | Second Monday. |
| 119 | De Witt | Petersburg | Montgomery | John H. Toole | R. J. Andrews | First Monday. |
| 120 | Elliot | Litchfield | Logan | Thos. J. Whitehead | H. A. Hunter | Second and fourth Tuesdays. |
| 121 | Mt. Pulaski | Mt. Pulaski | Peoria | Wm. McLean | John Billington | First Tuesday. |
| 122 | Odin | Odin | Chillicothe | A. W. Fudd | H. Stubbs | Monday before full moon. |
| 123 | Chillicothe | Dawson | Sangamon | W. P. Forsythe | C. Van Campen | Friday of each week. |
| 124 | Kansas | Kansas | Edgar | J. E. Church | J. C. McCond | First and third Mondays. |
| 125 | Wiley M. Egan | Chicago | Cook | Wm. Aldrich | | |
| 126 | Chicago | Chicago | Cook | | | |
| 127 | | | | | | |

ORGANIZATIONS—CONTINUED.

| No. | NAME. | LOCATION. | COUNTY. | HIGH PRIEST. | SECRETARY. | TIME OF MEETING. |
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| 128 | Sullivan..... | Sullivan..... | Moultrie..... | W. B. Kilner..... | J. R. Durcan..... | First and third Mondays. |
| 129 | Nathan Whitney..... | Franklin Grove..... | Lee..... | Henry H. Glenn..... | Philip Runyan..... | Saturday after full moon. |
| 130 | Mackey..... | El Paso..... | Woodford..... | James Thompson..... | P. H. Tompkins..... | First and third Tuesdays. |
| 131 | Payson..... | Payson..... | Adams..... | George Morris..... | Jacob Urech..... | First Tuesday. |
| 132 | Girard..... | Girard..... | Macoupin..... | F. Jones..... | W. L. Hedges..... | Saturday on or before full moon. |
| 133 | Wyoming..... | Wyoming..... | Stark..... | J. W. Agard..... | H. A. Folst..... | Thursday on or after full moon. |
| 134 | LaHarpe..... | LaHarpe..... | Hancock..... | James Mayor..... | Jacob S. Ross..... | Second and fourth Fridays. |
| 135 | Perry..... | Perry..... | Pike..... | H. Dunn..... | N. D. C. Hume..... | Saturday after new moon. |
| 136 | Vandalia..... | Vandalia..... | Fayette..... | Ed. L. Wahl..... | H. F. Jerauld..... | Saturday after full moon. |
| 137 | Mt. Sterling..... | Mt. Sterling..... | Brown..... | A. A. Glenn..... | Jerome Ross..... | Thursday on or after full moon. |
| 138 | Kedron..... | Mt. Auburn..... | Christian..... | J. H. Lawrence..... | P. L. VanCleve..... | Thursday on or after full moon. |
| 139 | Lanark..... | Lanark..... | Carroll..... | Geo. A. Smith..... | M. E. Harnish..... | Second and fourth Fridays. |
| 140 | Jerseyville..... | Jerseyville..... | Jersey..... | Geo. L. Hassett..... | S. H. Bowman..... | Second and fourth Tuesdays. |
| 141 | Ashley..... | Ashley..... | Washington..... | C. C. Pace..... | C. E. Hammond..... | First Monday after full moon. |
| 142 | Wilmingon..... | Wilmingon..... | Will..... | W. H. Odell..... | C. J. Jukes..... | First Friday. |
| 143 | Chenoa..... | Chenoa..... | McLean..... | Louis Ziegler..... | James S. Cotter..... | First and third Fridays. |
| 144 | Evanston..... | Evanston..... | Cook..... | Orris French..... | Charles Raymond..... | First and third Tuesdays. |
| 145 | Odell..... | Odell..... | Livingston..... | J. E. Williams..... | J. B. Lewis..... | First and third Fridays. |
| 146 | Edwardsville..... | Edwardsville..... | Madison..... | Samuel V. Crossman..... | Ethelbert Callahan..... | First and third Saturdays. |
| 147 | Lincoln..... | Lincoln..... | Logan..... | Joseph F. Benner..... | Joseph E. Hitt..... | |
| 148 | Union Park..... | Chicago..... | Cook..... | Geo. F. Letz..... | | |
| 149 | Robinson..... | Robinson..... | Crawford..... | James M. Jarrett..... | | |
| 150 | Neoga..... | Neoga..... | Cumberland..... | J. F. McCann..... | | |
| 151 | Rock River..... | Rock River..... | Ogle..... | Wm. F. Thorp..... | | |

MEMORANDA.

Whole number active Chapters, 147.
 Vacant : Shawneetown (6), Stapleton (9), Elwood (39), Lacon (42).
 Whole number of members, 9,000 ; exalted, 833 ; increase, 605.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The M. E. Grand Council of High Priests of the State of Illinois, convened, agreeably to the Constitution, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Chicago, on Thursday the 5th day of October, A. D. 1871, A. L. 5871, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon, and opened in ample form.

PRESENT OFFICERS.

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| M. E. Comp. | LOYAL L. MUNN | Freeport | President, (23.) |
| M. E. " | WILEY M. EGAN | Chicago | Vice President, (43.) |
| M. E. " | HARMON G. REYNOLDS | Springfield | Chaplain, (1.) |
| M. E. " | E. BLACKSHAW | Urbana | Herald, P. T., (80.) |
| M. E. " | JAMES H. MILES | Chicago | Master Ceremonies, (2.) |
| M. E. " | HIRAM W. HUBBARD | Centralia | Conductor, (93.) |
| M. E. " | JAMES A. HAWLEY | Dixon | Recorder and Treas (56) |
| M. E. " | CHARLES FISHER | Springfield | Steward, (1.) |
| M. E. " | HENRY B. PIERCE | Chicago | Tyler, P. T., (14.) |

MEMBERS.

M. E. Comps. T. W. Hay (83), J. W. Agard (133), Thomas J. Wade (37), W. F. Bromfield (79), N. T. P. Robertson (99), Joseph Holland (16), S. Johnson (109), W. H. House, (85), Abram Sallee (108), W. S. Easton (37), G. W. Hartman (94), E. L. Marquis (112), James Thompson (130), S. J. Dodds (105), Sylvester Stevens (68), C. F. Tenney (65), Jos. B. Miles (97), John W. Page (110), O. H. Miner (1).

The petitions of the following M. E. High Priests were presented and referred to M. E. Comps. Hiram W. Hubbard, Wiley M. Egan and James H. Miles, who reported favorable, and they were elected, admitted and anointed to the Order of High Priesthood, to-wit:

M. E. Companions J. F. Burrill (1), Thomas J. Whitehead (122), G. D. Slanker (38), B. Mendenhall (111), A. Boungard (3), W. H. Scott (101), J. M.

Bell (32), J. E. Church (126), W. A. Pierce (65), P. C. Sloan (66), Geo. L. Hassett (140), David D. Dunkle (30), E. C. Pace (141), C. Watts (48), Henry H. Glenn (229), J. T. Moulton (69), Orris B. Dodge (56), S. W. Bird (115).

On motion of M. E. Companion Egan, it was ordered that the Prayer offered by the Grand Chaplain be published with the Proceedings of this Grand Council :

PRAYER.

Oh Thou who dwellest between the Cherubims, let thy presence rest upon these Companions now prostrate before Thee! Let the anointing oil be Holy Incense unto Thee; and may thy Sacred Name never be uttered by them only in reverence and holy fear. Keep them and defend them from all evil, and all glory shall be given unto Thee. Amen.

On motion of M. E. Comp. Egan, the Treasurer was instructed to pay the bill of M. E. Comp. Fisher, amounting to \$1.85.

On motion of M. E. Companion Egan, the Council proceeded to election of Officers for ensuing year, which resulted in choice of the following M. E. Companions, and was so announced :

OFFICERS.

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| M. E. Comp. | LOYAL L. MUNN | Freeport | President. |
| M. E. | " WILEY M. EGAN | Chicago | Vice President. |
| M. E. | " A. W. AGARD | Wyoming | Chaplain. |
| M. E. | " E. BLACKSHAW | Urbana | Herald. |
| M. E. | " JAS. H. MILES | Chicago | Master of Ceremonies. |
| M. E. | " HIRAM W. HUBBARD | Centralia | Conductor. |
| M. E. | " JAMES A. HAWLEY | Dixon | Recorder and Treas. |
| M. E. | " CHARLES FISHER | Springfield | Steward. |
| M. E. | " A. A. MURRAY | Decatur | Tyler. |

After Prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Most Excellent Grand Council of the State of Illinois, was closed in ample form.

JAMES A. HAWLEY,
Recorder.

[1871-1872.]

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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| JAMES A. HAWLEY | DIXON | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| JAMES C. LUCKEY | POLO | <i>Deputy Grand High Priest.</i> |
| GEORGE E. LOUNSBURY | MOUND CITY | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| WILLIAM J. A. DELANCEY | CENTRALIA | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |
| JAMES H. MILES, 49 S. May St. | CHICAGO | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| HARRISON DILLS | QUINCY | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| REV. A. P. FORSYTH | KANSAS | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| HASWELL C. CLARKE | KANKAKEE | <i>Grand Captain Host.</i> |
| HENRY B. PIERCE | ELGIN | <i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i> |
| ARTHUR R. ATKINS | CHICAGO | <i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i> |
| EDWARD BLACKSHAW | URBANA | <i>Grand Master 3rd Veil.</i> |
| THOMAS J. WHITEHEAD | ODIN | <i>Grand Master 2nd Veil.</i> |
| GRANVILLE M. EVATT | QUINCY | <i>Grand Master 1st Veil.</i> |
| LOCKWOOD K. OSBORN | CHICAGO | <i>Grand Steward.</i> |
| ARNOLD R. ROBINSON | SPRINGFIELD | <i>Grand Tyler.</i> |

COMMITTEES.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

M. E. Comps. A. A. Murray, John M. Pearson, and Orlin H. Miner.

ON MASONIC CORRESPONDENCE.

M. E. Comp. James H. Miles, Grand Secretary ; address 49 South May Street.
E. Comps. H. G. Reynolds, and A. W. Blakesley.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The twenty-third annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois, will be held in the city of Chicago, on Thursday, the 24th day of October, A. D. 1872, A. I. 2402, at 10 o'clock A. M.

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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

Held at Chicago, Oct. 24, A. D. 1872; A. I. 2402.

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PROCEEDINGS.

THE Twenty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois, convened at the Hall of Cleveland Lodge No. 211, in the city of Chicago, on Thursday, the 24th day of October, A. D. 1872, A. I. 2402, at 10 o'clock A. M.

PRESENT:

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| M. E. Comp. | JAMES A. HAWLEY..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| M. E. " | JAMES C. LUCKEY..... | <i>Deputy Grand High Priest.</i> |
| E. " | GEORGE E. LOUNSBURY..... | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| E. " | WILLIAM J. A. DELANCEY..... | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |
| M. E. " | JAMES H. MILES..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| E. " | HARRISON DILLS..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| Rev. & E. Comp. | A. P. FORSYTH..... | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| E. Comp. | HASWELL C. CLARKE..... | <i>Grand Captain of Host.</i> |
| E. " | WILLIAM A. LEVANWAY..... | <i>Gr. Prin. Sojourner, pro tem.</i> |
| E. " | ARTHUR R. ATKINS..... | <i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i> |
| E. " | EDWARD BLACKSHAW..... | <i>Grand Master Third Veil.</i> |
| E. " | THOMAS J. WHITEHEAD..... | <i>Grand Master Second Veil.</i> |
| E. " | GRANVILLE M. EVATT..... | <i>Grand Master First Veil.</i> |
| E. " | LOCKWOOD K. OSBORN..... | <i>Grand Steward.</i> |
| E. " | ARNOLD R. ROBINSON..... | <i>Grand Tyler.</i> |

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois was opened in Ample Form, the Throne of Grace being addressed by the Grand Chaplain.

On motion of M. E. Comp. Grand Secretary :

Voted, That the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Grand Convocation be dispensed with (the printed proceedings being in the hands of the representatives present).

On motion :

Voted, That all Royal Arch Masons in good standing be invited to seats in this Grand Convocation as visitors.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees :

On Jurisprudence—M. E. Comps. Augustus A. Murray, John M. Pearson and Orlin H. Miner.

On Correspondence—M. E. Comp. James H. Miles, E. Comps. Harman G. Reynolds and Asa W. Blakesley.

On Credentials—M. E. Comp. Hiram W. Hubbard, E. Comps. H. L. Rhodes and J. A. Ladd.

On Chartered Chapters—E. Comps. W. L. Pease, John C. Smith and John F. Burrill.

On Chapters U. D.—E. Comps. W. A. Levanway, C. Wilson and H. G. Dearborn.

On Accounts—E. Comps. O. B. Dodge, Wm. Law and D. G. Wells.

On Grievances—E. Comps. J. C. McMurtry, A. A. Glenn and W. F. Bromfield.

On Charity—E. Comps. Abram Sallee, A. S. Williams and C. Kirkpatrick.

On Unfinished Business—E. Comps. P. W. Barclay, G. E. Monk and Wilson Hoag.

On Address of Grand High Priest—E. Comps. L. L. Munn, J. R. Gorin and Wilson Hoag.

On Visitors—E. Comps. C. Van Campen, W. C. Hooker and L. R. Jerome.

On Lectures—E. Comps. W. M. Egan, J. M. Pearson, L. L. Munn, J. H. Miles and A. A. Glenn.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then delivered the following Annual Address, which was, on motion of M. E. Comp. Wiley M. Egan, referred to the Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address.

ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Companions:

The records of another Masonic year are completed, and it becomes my pleasing duty to extend to you a cordial welcome to this the Twenty-third Annual Convocation of our Grand Chapter.

We meet here to-day under circumstances calculated to impress upon us the conviction that we are but instruments in the hands of the great I AM — used by Him to fulfill His ways and purposes which are beyond our comprehension, and past finding out. And it is but meet, right and our bounden duty that we should, before entering upon the active duties of this session, offer up the incense of pure and contrite hearts to Him who is the source and giver of all our blessings; who has permitted us again to assemble in Grand Convocation with almost undiminished numbers; whose watchful care and tender mercy have been over us, and spared us, during the past year, while Death with unrelenting message has been busy in the world around — and while in many other ways the year has been one peculiarly fraught with events of the most startling and appalling character.

Therefore, with thankful hearts let us ascribe to His holy name the praise so justly due, and supplicate His blessing upon our present labors, and the continuance of His gracious protection to us through an unseen and untried future.

The year, which has been so mercifully crowned with plenty, opened with disaster followed by fresh disaster in quick succession. Scarcely had the sound of the gavel that closed our last Convocation ceased to echo through the halls of our then Masonic Home, when this city was visited by one of the most terrific and devastating conflagrations ever known in the history of the world. In a few hours the work of years was undone — nothing was left but crumbling stones and broken columns where had stood stately warehouses filled with costly merchandise from every quarter of the globe. Palatial mansions, surrounded with every comfort and luxury that art could devise or wealth secure, and beautiful temples consecrated to the worship of the living God — all were consumed in that mighty cauldron of flame and fire. The old Masonic Temple, dear to our hearts with associations of many years, and hallowed by the tread of many a noble companion now removed to the Lodge on high — with many sister shrines, was a heap of ruins. But for losses such as these we had no time to mourn. The numbers of our Brethren, with their families, turned helpless into the streets without food or shelter, demanded all our sympathy. We can never forget the painful emotions that thrilled our hearts as the sad news was flashed over our State that a large portion of the city we had but just left was destroyed. Neither can we forget how our hearts swelled with joy, pride and gratitude as we witnessed the noble generosity of the members of our Order in all parts of the country — tendering sympathy and material aid and vying with each other in their efforts to afford prompt and efficient relief.

The hearts of the whole world were opened, and nowhere in the history of nations can we find a parallel instance of such unbounded and enthusiastic

generosity and sympathy as was displayed, not only towards the sufferers of this city, but also toward those of our sister States.

My first official act was to call upon the Companions of this State to come with their offerings to the relief of our unfortunate Brethren, and I desire to acknowledge with thanks the generous contributions which were so freely given.

The sympathy and prompt assistance so fraternally tendered to our Brethren by the Chapters and Companions of other jurisdictions cannot fail to call forth our warmest expressions of gratitude, and I trust that this Grand Chapter will in such manner as in its wisdom may seem best, express its appreciation of the Brotherly love whose principles have been so truly exemplified during the past year by "acts of charity and deeds of pure beneficence."

I appointed M. E. Companions Wiley M. Egan, James H. Miles, and Robert H. Foss, a Committee to receive and disburse the contributions sent them. These Companions, although burdened with private and official duties, cheerfully accepted the appointment, and have discharged the delicate and responsible trust confided to them, well and faithfully, and are justly entitled to the thanks of this Grand Chapter. A detailed report of their acts and doings is herewith submitted for your consideration.

The record of my official acts during the past year will be quite brief. The prosperity of our beloved institution is everywhere apparent, not only in this jurisdiction, but throughout our entire country. The gratifying intelligence comes up to us from all quarters that the Royal Craft are uniformly pursuing their labors in peace and harmony, and are quietly but steadily "erecting a second Temple, which we hope will be indeed that Spiritual House not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens." Owing to this happy and prosperous condition of our Order in Illinois, there have been but few demands for official interference. None of these have been of a very grave or serious character, and have, by generous concessions, been happily settled without engendering bad feelings, and to the entire satisfaction of those concerned; and I do not deem it necessary or advisable to occupy your time with a recital of grievances that have already been healed.

STAPLETON CHAPTER.

You will remember that the Grand Chapter, at its last Annual Convocation, referred the matter of Stapleton Chapter, No. 9, to the Grand High Priest with power. As soon after the close of the Grand Chapter as possible I ascertained the name and address of the High Priest of this Chapter, and informed him as to the action taken by this Grand Body, requesting him to inform me as to the present condition and future prospects of his Chapter. The High Priest, M. E. Companion R. A. Williams, in a letter dated January 8th, 1872, wrote me that his business had taken him from home a considerable portion of his time since he was elected High Priest, and that in consequence of such absence his Chapter had remained dormant, or nearly so, for more than a year previous. He, however, expressed a strong desire that the Chapter might be allowed to retain its Charter, assuring me that they would be able to resume their labors with reasonable prospects of success. Not wishing to act hastily in so important a matter, or unjustly deprive a Chapter of its chartered rights, and believing that an exten-

sion of time in this case would not be productive of any evil results, I decided to allow this Chapter to retain its charter, with instructions to transmit to the Grand Secretary returns and Grand Chapter dues for the years 1870 and 1871.

I was informed by M. E. Companion Miles, a short time since, that this Chapter had not complied with this order, and I then wrote to the High Priest to forward the Charter to me at this place, and hold the property of said Chapter subject to the action of this Grand Chapter.

The Charter has not been received, nor have I received any reply to my communication. Being satisfied that this Chapter has not the ability or strength to continue its labor with any reasonable prospect of success, I would recommend that the Grand High Priest be requested to enforce the order suspending the Charter of said Chapter, and that the property of said Chapter be placed in the custody of the Grand Secretary.

PROXIES.

Immediately after the Grand Chapter closed, in October last, I issued proxies to such Companions as had been designated by the Chapters themselves, to constitute and install the officers of the several Chapters chartered at the last Annual Convocation, due returns of which have been made as follows: Edwardsville Chapter, No. 146, by M. E. Companion T. P. Yerkes, November 20, 1871; Robinson Chapter, No. 149, by M. E. Companion J. L. Waller, December 1, 1871; Neoga Chapter, No. 150, by M. E. Companion H. W. Hubbard, December 5, 1871; Lincoln Chapter, No. 147, by M. E. Companion A. A. Murray, December 7, 1871; Union Park Chapter, No. 148, by M. E. Companion Samuel Brown.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the past year I have issued four Dispensations to form and open new Chapters, as follows:

June 1st, 1872.—Upon the recommendation of Carthage Chapter, No. 33, to Francis J. Russell and the requisite number of Companions, to form and open a Chapter at Hamilton City, Hancock County, to be called Tecumseh Chapter.

June 7th, 1872.—Upon the recommendation of Kansas Chapter, No. 125, to A. P. Forsyth and the requisite number of Companions, to form and open a Chapter at Oakland, Coles County, to be called Oakland Chapter.

June 20th, 1872.—Upon the recommendation of Louisville Chapter, No. 81, to Peter J. Raymond and the requisite number of Companions, to form and open a Chapter at Flora, Clay County, to be called Flora Chapter.

October 17th, 1872.—Upon the recommendation of Pekin Chapter, No. 25, to John L. Orndorff and the requisite number of Companions, to form and open a Chapter at Delavan, Tazewell County, to be called Crossman Chapter.

The first three Chapters mentioned will apply to you at this session of the Grand Chapter for Charters. Their records and returns are in the hands of the Committee on Chapters U. D., where they will receive a full and complete examination. I have reason to believe that the report of the Committee will be such as to satisfy you that they have fair and reasonable prospects of becoming useful

and enduring Chapters, and such as will reflect honor upon this Grand Body ; and recommend that the prayer of their petition be granted.

In the case of Crossman Chapter U. D., I respectfully recommend that the Dispensation be continued until the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

Pinkneyville Chapter U. D. made no returns last year, and by order of this Grand Chapter the Dispensation granted them was continued in force until this Grand Convocation. Early in the winter I ascertained through M. E. Companion Hubbard that this Chapter was in what, perhaps, might be called a disorganized condition. At my request Companion Hubbard visited Pinkneyville, and succeeded in getting the Chapter at work, and the prospect seemed at that time very favorable indeed for this Chapter, and I anticipated that they would apply to the Grand Chapter at this Convocation for a Charter, but I am informed by the Grand Secretary that no returns have been made, and the report of Companion Hubbard is not at all encouraging. I therefore recommend that the Dispensation granted Pinkneyville Chapter U. D. be withdrawn.

SPECIAL DISPENSATION.

November 1st, 1871, I issued my Special Dispensation to M. E. Companion Wiley M. Egan to install M. E. Companion Arthur R. Atkins Grand Royal Arch Captain, he not being present at the installation of officers at the last Annual Convocation, which duty was performed by M. E. Companion Egan, November 3d, at a regular Convocation of Washington Chapter, and due returns thereof made.

On the 24th day of October, 1871, I received a communication from Companion J. O. Dickinson, Secretary of Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, informing me that the Hall and Charter of that Chapter were destroyed by the fire of 8th and 9th instants. That Washington Chapter, No. 43, had kindly tendered them the use of their Hall for the fourth Friday of each month, and asking for authority to transact their business at special communications to be held on the evenings above stated. Accordingly I issued my Special Dispensation authorizing them to receive and act upon petitions, and to transact such other business as might be brought before said Chapter at special communications, until such time as they should be able to meet in regular Convocation, or until the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

On the 1st day of August, 1872, I received a communication signed by High Priest, King and Scribe, and other Companions of Joliet Chapter, No. 27, stating that on the 26th ultimo, their elegant and commodious Hall, together with the furniture, clothing, jewels, and Charter, was destroyed by fire, and that the Odd Fellows had kindly offered them the use of their Hall, but not on the evenings of their regular Convocations. Accordingly I issued my Special Dispensation authorizing them to receive and act upon petitions and transact such other business as might be brought before their Chapter, until such time as they should be able to meet in regular Convocation, or until the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

I have not collected of either of these Chapters the Dispensation fee of

two dollars, and would recommend that the same be remitted and that Charters be issued to them without charge.

I have issued other Special Dispensations as follows, to wit :

December 15th, 1871.—To Wiley M. Egan, Chapter No. 126, to hold special election for High Priest, on 22d day of December, the High Priest elect refusing to be installed.

January 1st, 1872.—To Nashville Chapter, No. 89, to receive and act upon the petition of M. E. Companion William S. Pease for membership, without regard to time.

January 1st, 1872.—To Nashville Chapter, No. 89, to hold an election of officers January 17th, the time for election as fixed by their by-laws having expired.

January 13th, 1872.—To Bloomington Chapter, No. 26, to hold special election on the 17th day of January for Secretary, the Secretary elect having refused to be installed.

January 30th, 1872.—To Mound Chapter, No. 74, to install officers, the regular time for installing officers as prescribed by their by-laws having expired.

March 14th, 1872.—To Lincoln Chapter, No. 147, to install Officers, the regular time as prescribed by their by-laws having expired.

October 8th, 1872, I received a communication from Secretary of Egyptian Chapter, No. 45, inclosing copy of Resolutions adopted by that Chapter, asking for authority to remove from Jonesboro to Anna. I had previously received a communication, signed by several Companions of that Chapter—among them the Scribe and Captain of the Host—setting forth that the resolution for removal was adopted, when only about one-third of the members were present, and asking that time be allowed them to prepare and forward a remonstrance against such proposed removal. In view of these statements, and as the time for holding the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was so near at hand, I declined to authorize the removal. The papers in the case are herewith submitted.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

November 17th, 1871, in company with M. E. Companion Orris B. Dodge, High Priest of Nachusa Chapter, No. 56, and M. E. Companion Henry H. Glenn, High Priest of Nathan Whitney Chapter, No. 129, and other Companions, I visited Oregon, Ogle County, and, in person, constituted Rock River Chapter, No. 151, and installed the Officers in ample form. My visit to this young Chapter was a very pleasant one. M. E. Companion W. E. Thorp, High Priest, is an active and energetic worker, skilled in the Royal Art, and attentive to the moral precepts of our forefathers. He is supported by a small but faithful band of Companions, who are strongly attached to the principles of our Order, and I think I can safely predict an honorable and useful future for this the youngest of our Chartered Chapters.

December 19th, 1871, I was present and officiated at a public installation of the officers of Nachusa Chapter, No. 56. I have more than an ordinary interest in the success and prosperity of Nachusa Chapter, No. 56, it being my *alma mater* in Royal Arch Masonry. Its prosperity is assured while under the excellent management of M. E. Companion Dodge.

December 20th, 1871, I visited Franklin Grove, Lee County, and installed the Officers of Nathan Whitney Chapter, No. 129, in the presence of a large number of Companions and their ladies. This comparatively young Chapter, from its first organization, has continued to increase steadily in numbers and influence, and under its present able and efficient High Priest the interests of Royal Arch Masonry will not suffer.

It was my good fortune to visit Centralia on the 29th of December, 1871, and for a brief time to enjoy that generous hospitality for which the Masons of Southern Illinois are proverbial. I received a most cordial welcome at the hands of M. E. Companion H. W. Hubbard, H. L. Rhodes, W. J. A. Delancy, Wm. S. Pease, and other Companions of that city. Having been honored by M. W. Dewitt C. Cregier, Grand Master, with his proxy, I had the pleasure of dedicating the Hall of Centralia Lodge, No. 201, A. F. and A. M., and installing the Officers. After these solemn and impressive rites were completed, I installed the Officers of Centralia Chapter, No. 93, and Cyrene Commandery, No. 23, Knights Templar.

During these ceremonies the Lodge room was filled with a large and appreciative audience, composed of members of the Order, their friends, their wives and little ones. From the interest manifested by both Officers and members, I feel fully satisfied that Centralia Chapter, as well as the other orders of Masonry in that town, are in a healthy and prosperous condition.

January 24th, 1872, I visited Fulton City, Whiteside County, and installed the Officers of Fulton Chapter, No. 108. I found this excellent Chapter flourishing in an unusual degree. I was assured by the Officers that the material offered for the building was of the very best, and I am satisfied, from the known integrity, skill, and assiduity of the efficient corps of Officers in this Chapter, that Royal Arch Masonry will not deteriorate in their hands.

It would have afforded me much pleasure to have visited more of the Chapters in the State had I had time and opportunity. I have no doubt that the Companions in every part of the State would have accorded me, as your representative, the same generous welcome, and that I could have reported the same happy and prosperous condition of affairs in nearly all the Chapters of the State; and I think it would tend to awaken a livelier interest in Masonry if the Grand High Priest and other Grand Officers would visit the Chapters in their immediate vicinity. In some jurisdictions the State is districted, and each Grand Officer is assigned a certain number of Chapters to visit. It might be well to try the plan in our own State.

During the past year, I have had the honor to appoint Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Illinois near the following Grand Chapters, to wit:

Near the Grand Chapter of Missouri: M. E. Companion Geo. Frank Gouley.

Near the Grand Chapter of Oregon: M. E. Companion R. P. Earhart.

Near the Grand Chapter of New York: M. E. Companion J. F. Ferguson, vice; M. E. Companion John W. Simons, resigned.

Near the Grand Chapter of Ontario: M. E. Companion Robert Ramsay.

Near the Grand Chapter of Maine: M. E. Companion John W. Ballou.

Near the Grand Chapter of Mississippi: M. E. Companion William Cothran.

Most of the Grand Chapters named are represented near this Grand Chapter

at the present time, and I have no doubt the others will soon honor us — if they have not already done so — by appointing representatives.

The Jewels and Regalia of this Grand Chapter were destroyed by fire on the 8th and 9th of October, one year ago, and at the present time the Grand Chapter has neither Jewels, Regalia, or other Masonic clothing ; I therefore recommend that an appropriation be made, and placed in the hands of a committee, with which to purchase necessary Jewels and Regalia, and such other property as this Grand Chapter may deem expedient.

DECISIONS.

I have, during the past year, been called upon to answer many questions touching Masonic law, and make several decisions. Some of these were unimportant, and for the most of them I had precedents in decisions already made, and established by this Grand Chapter. The following I desire to submit for your consideration :

First—That objections to the advancement of a Brother are binding upon the High Priest and Chapter so long as the Companion making the same remains a member of that particular Chapter.

Second—That if a Companion making objections to the advancement of a Brother demits, or is suspended or expelled, the Chapter can proceed in the same manner as if such objections were withdrawn formally.

Third—That objections made by a Companion to the advancement of a Brother in the Chapter of which he is a member are valid and binding although the Companion making the objections resides without the State.

Fourth—That objections made by a Companion in the Chapter of which he is a member, to the advancement of a Brother, cannot be removed by striking the name of the Companion objecting from the list of members, although said Companion may reside without the State.

Fifth—That the installation of Officers in a Chapter by proxy is not proper or legal.

The right of objection, as recognized by the Laws of our Grand Chapter is a sacred right — and yet — in my opinion — it is a right that, while it is carefully guarded, should be confined strictly to the letter of the law. By its exercise in the broad sense which some are willing to give it, it is more potent and powerful than the ballot itself. In making the fourth decision I was aware that Resolution 14 was staring me in the face, and that the decision was — indirectly if not directly — in conflict with said resolution.

This resolution authorizes, yea it *requires*, the Chapters of this jurisdiction to force from their membership those of our Companions who see fit to cross an imaginary line and take up their residence in another State. But believing as I do that this resolution is contrary to the spirit of our Institution, and that its enforcement would be doing great injustice to very many excellent and worthy Companions along the borders of our State, I could not do otherwise than decide — so far as I was compelled to do in this decision — adversely to its enforcement. In my opinion, Chapters should be required to pay Grand Chapter dues for all their members, whether residing in or out of the State. I can see no good reason why a Companion who chooses to reside in another State should be com-

pelled to sever his connection with a Chapter in this jurisdiction. Neither can I see any good reason why a Companion, who is a member of a Chapter in this jurisdiction, and resides in another State, should be exempted from bearing his share of the Masonic burdens, or that the Chapter of which he is a member should be relieved from paying its just proportion of the expenses of this Grand Body ; and I therefore respectfully, but earnestly, recommend that Resolutions 14 and 15 be rescinded.

I also desire to call the attention of the Grand Chapter to the fifth decision, touching the installation of officers by proxy. This practice is more or less common in our Chapters, and has been the cause of disturbing the peace and harmony of more than one Chapter in this jurisdiction. It tends to lessen the interest in, and takes away the force of, the installation service, and is bound to result in evil, if allowed to go unchecked.

And now, Companions, my official duties are nearly completed ; I am about to return to you this emblem of honor and authority which you so kindly placed in my hands one year ago. But before doing so, allow me to express—so far as words can—my grateful appreciation of your kindness, and thank you for the many honors you have conferred upon me. In the discharge of my official duties I have endeavored to be guided, so far as possible, by the Golden Rule. That I have made mistakes, and fallen far short of your expectations, is more than probable. Yet I have the consciousness of having endeavored to discharge the duties of this high position faithfully, and by precept and example to inculcate those great moral truths—Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice—knowing that an institution founded, as ours is, upon these cardinal virtues, cannot be either shaken or destroyed by any attacks that may come from without, and that to insure the perpetuity of our grand old Order we have only to see that its members practice what they profess. In conclusion, let me urge you, my Companions, to banish intemperance and profanity from our Chapters, and let us endeavor, so far as in us lies, to make them “as beautiful as the Temple—peaceful as the Ark—and sacred as the Most Holy Place” ; and may you all, my Companions, “be endued with every good and perfect gift while traveling the rugged path of life, and finally be admitted within the veil of Heaven to the full enjoyment of life eternal.”

JAMES A. HAWLEY,

Grand High Priest.

M. E. Comp. Hiram W. Hubbard, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, which, after correction, was on motion received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois :

The Committee on Credentials fraternally report that the following Most Excellent and Exoellent Companions are entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter:

GRAND OFFICERS.

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| M. E. Comp. | JAMES A. HAWLEY | Grand High Priest. |
| M. E. " | JAMES C. LUCKEY | Deputy High Priest. |
| E. " | GEORGE E. LOUNSBURY | Grand King. |
| E. " | W. J. A. DELANCEY | Grand Scribe. |
| M. E. " | JAS. H. MILES | Grand Secretary. |
| E. " | HARRISON DILLS | Grand Treasurer. |
| E. " | REV. A. P. FORSYTHE | Grand Chaplain. |
| E. " | H. C. CLARK | Grand Captain Host. |
| E. " | A. R. ATKINS | Grand Royal Arch Captain. |
| E. " | W. A. LEVANWAY | Grand Principal Sojourner. |
| E. " | EDWARD BLACKSHAW | Grand Master Third Veil. |
| E. " | T. J. WHITEHEAD | Grand Master Second Veil. |
| E. " | G. M. EVATT | Grand Master First Veil. |
| E. " | L. K. OSBORN | Grand Steward. |
| E. " | A. R. ROBINSON | Grand Tyler. |

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

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| M. E. Comp. | WILEY M. EGAN | Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " | LOYAL L. MUNN | Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " | HIRAM W. HUBBARD | Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " | AUGUSTUS A. MURRAY | Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " | JOHN M. PEARSON | Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " | JAMES H. MILES | Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " | ORLIN H. MINER | Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " | ASA W. BLAKESLEY | Past Dep. Grand H. P. |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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| M. E. Comp. | LOYAL L. MUNN | Iowa. |
| " " | ASA W. BLAKESLEY | Kansas. |
| " " | ORLIN H. MINER | Louisiana and New York. |
| E. " | JOHN C. BAKER | Minnesota. |
| M. E. " | JAMES H. MILES | Missouri and Oregon. |
| " " | WILEY M. EGAN | Maine. |
| " " | JOHN M. PEARSON | Mississippi. |

REPRESENTATIVES.

| NO. | NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES. | NO. | NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES. |
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| 1 | Charles Fisher..... H. P. | 75 | S. Michaelis..... H. P. |
| 2 | T. T. Oviatt*..... K. | 77 | J. B. Nulton*..... H. P. |
| 3 | M. V. B. Glasgow..... K. | | H. C. Sieveling..... K. |
| 4 | J. C. McMurtry*..... H. P. | 78 | F. S. Hatch..... H. P. |
| 5 | George W. Moulton*..... H. P. | 79 | J. R. Siscom*..... H. P. |
| 7 | J. L. Flinn..... K. | 80 | E. Blackshaw..... H. P. |
| 8 | G. D. Hayden*..... H. P. | 82 | A. S. W. Hawes*..... H. P. |
| 10 | J. J. Topliff..... H. P. | 84 | J. L. Edwards*..... H. P. |
| 13 | James Hunt..... K. | 86 | Jacob F. Coppell*..... H. P. |
| 15 | T. P. Yerkes..... H. P. | 87 | H. B. Kepley*..... H. P. |
| 16 | J. Holland..... H. P. | 88 | D. J. Wike*..... H. P. |
| 17 | C. A. Mertz..... H. P. | 89 | Wm. S. Pease..... H. P. |
| 18 | Samuel Crosley*..... K. | 92 | D. Wadsworth*..... H. P. |
| 19 | F. R. Kyle..... H. P. | 93 | H. L. Rhodes..... H. P. |
| 20 | J. L. Wiley*..... H. P. | 94 | G. W. Hartman..... H. P. |
| 21 | A. A. Murray..... H. P. | 95 | James McCracken..... K. |
| 22 | James Walker..... H. P. | 96 | M. N. Frederick*..... H. P. |
| 23 | S. H. Polley..... H. P. | 97 | John Burky*..... H. P. |
| 26 | B. R. Baughen..... H. P. | 98 | G. N. Pierce*..... H. P. |
| 27 | W. F. Saylor*..... K. | 99 | John Zimmerman..... H. P. |
| 28 | C. Gray..... H. P. | 100 | A. N. Lodge..... H. P. |
| | L. R. Jerome*..... K. | 101 | W. H. Scott..... H. P. |
| | L. D. Romberger..... S. | 102 | A. S. Rockwell..... S. |
| 29 | C. F. Norton*..... H. P. | 103 | James Douglass..... H. P. |
| 30 | D. Dunkle..... K. | 104 | A. S. McDowell..... H. P. |
| 31 | L. P. Lott..... H. P. | 105 | F. W. Byers..... H. P. |
| 32 | S. W. Calvin*..... H. P. | 106 | A. S. Wilderman..... H. P. |
| 33 | W. C. Hooker..... H. P. | 107 | G. W. Culver..... H. P. |
| 35 | N. B. Huff..... H. P. | 108 | A. Sallee..... H. P. |
| 36 | E. E. Thomas*..... H. P. | 109 | W. L. Heath*..... H. P. |
| 37 | W. S. Easton..... H. P. | 110 | John W. Page..... H. P. |
| 38 | W. Kenner..... H. P. | | Adino Page*..... S. |
| 41 | D. Brewster..... H. P. | 111 | B. Mendenhall..... K. |
| 43 | J. H. Sanborn..... H. P. | 112 | C. Clewell..... K. |
| | Wm. Amerson..... K. | 113 | F. D. Mason*..... H. P. |
| | Wm. Law, Jr..... S. | | Wilson Hoag..... K. |
| 44 | H. W. Johnson..... H. P. | 114 | George E. King..... H. P. |
| 45 | C. Kirkpatrick..... H. P. | 115 | S. W. Bird..... H. P. |
| 46 | Wm. Livingston..... H. P. | 119 | H. Hamilton..... H. P. |
| 47 | C. Bassett..... H. P. | 120 | P. B. Updike..... H. P. |
| 49 | J. S. Harroun..... H. P. | 121 | A. C. Wilson..... H. P. |
| 50 | H. J. Dunlap..... H. P. | 122 | T. J. Whitehead..... H. P. |
| 51 | J. C. Smith..... H. P. | 123 | W. McLane..... H. P. |
| 52 | S. O. Vaughan*..... H. P. | 124 | Joseph W. Wilson..... H. P. |
| | J. C. Garner*..... K. | | R. R. Hawley*..... K. |
| 53 | F. A. Stewart..... H. P. | 126 | C. Van Campen..... H. P. |
| 54 | W. W. Fisher*..... H. P. | | Wm. Daniels..... K. |
| 56 | O. B. Dodge..... H. P. | 127 | W. A. Stevens..... H. P. |
| 57 | John A. Ladd*..... H. P. | | Eli Smith*..... K. |
| 58 | C. C. Halladay..... H. P. | 128 | Geo. E. Millan..... H. P. |
| 60 | Peter Sonne*..... H. P. | | W. B. Killier..... K. |
| 61 | S. W. Clark..... H. P. | 129 | P. C. Rooney..... H. P. |
| 62 | G. E. Monk..... H. P. | 130 | James Thompson..... H. P. |
| 63 | J. H. Shimer..... H. P. | 132 | W. E. Ryan*..... H. P. |
| 64 | W. W. Willard*..... H. P. | 133 | J. W. Agard..... H. P. |
| | W. W. Willard..... K. | 134 | Joseph Mayor..... H. P. |
| 65 | A. A. Pierce..... H. P. | | A. Tuttle*..... K. |
| 66 | A. H. Elkin*..... H. P. | 136 | R. T. Higgins..... H. P. |
| 68 | Sylvester Stevens..... H. P. | 137 | A. A. Glenn..... H. P. |
| 69 | John Woodman..... H. P. | 139 | R. P. Wales..... H. P. |
| 70 | W. S. Martin*..... H. P. | 140 | Jas. A. Locke*..... H. P. |
| 71 | P. W. Barclay..... H. P. | 141 | C. E. Hammond*..... H. P. |
| | H. Myers..... S. | 143 | Louis Zigler*..... H. P. |
| 72 | H. G. Dearborn..... H. P. | 145 | J. E. Williams*..... H. P. |
| | J. J. French*..... S. | 146 | S. V. Crossman..... H. P. |
| 73 | Ira R. Curtiss..... H. P. | 147 | F. S. Selley*..... H. P. |
| 74 | O. Wilson..... H. P. | 151 | W. E. Thorp..... H. P. |
| | C. Wilson..... K. | | |

Those marked * are proxies.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

HIRAM W. HUBBARD,
 HENRY L. RHODES,
 JOHN A. LADD, } Committee.

M. E. Comp. Wiley M. Egan presented his credentials as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maine, near the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois, when, on motion, he was received and accredited as such representative.

M. E. Comp. John M. Pearson presented his credentials as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, near the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois, when, on motion, he was received and accredited as such representative.

M. E. Comp. Orlin H. Miner presented his credentials as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of New York, near the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois, when, on motion, he was received and accredited as such representative.

The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer presented their annual accounts, which were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Accounts.

M. E. Comp. W. M. Egan offered the following preamble and resolution, and moved its reference to the Committee on Jurisprudence :

WHEREAS, " Resolutions in force " of this Grand Chapter numbered 13, 14 and 15 are believed to be unconstitutional, Therefore,

Resolved, That said resolutions be and the same are hereby repealed.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the election of Grand Officers be set for 2 o'clock P. M.

M. E. Comp. L. L. Munn, from the Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest, submitted the following report, which was on motion received, and the resolutions, as appended, adopted :

REPORT ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, having had the same under consideration, would report :

That they congratulate the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois upon the many evidences of its continued prosperity ; that the Address is an able production, replete with beauty and sublime truths. It is evident that not only the head, but the heart, of the M. E. Grand High Priest eminently qualified him to perform the duties of the exalted and responsible station to which his Companions called him one year ago. Such is the harmony throughout our Grand Jurisdiction that nothing of an unpleasant nature has claimed our attention, making the labor of your Committee not only easy, but pleasant to perform.

We recommend that so much of said Address as refers to the acts of charity from Companions from other jurisdictions be referred to a Special Committee of three.

We recommend that so much of said Address as refers to the Committee appointed by the Grand High Priest to receive and disburse the contributions made for the benefit of Royal Arch Companions who were sufferers by the great Chicago fire, and the report of said Committee giving an account of their acts and doings, be referred to a Special Committee of three.

Your Committee concur with the M. E. Grand High Priest in the action taken by him in reference to Stapleton Chapter, and in connection therewith would offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to enforce the order suspending the Charter of Stapleton Chapter, and that the property of said Chapter be placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

That so much of said Address as refers to Chapters U. D. be referred to the Committee on Chapters U. D.

That so much of said Address as refers to Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, and Joliet Chapter, No. 27, be referred to the Committee on Chartered Chapters.

Your Committee would recommend that so much of said Address as refers to Egyptian Chapter, No. 45, be referred to the M. E. Grand High Priest with power.

That the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest in his appointments of representatives of this Grand Chapter, near the Grand Chapters of other jurisdictions, be confirmed.

That so much of said Address as refers to the destruction of the Jewels and other property of this Grand Chapter be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much of said Address as refers to decisions of the Grand High Priest be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. L. MUNN, }
J. R. GORIN, } *Committee.*
S. STEVENS, }

E. Comp. Wm. A. Levanway, from the Committee on Chapters U. D., submitted the following report, which was, on motion, adopted :

REPORT ON CHAPTERS U. D.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois:

The Committee on Chapters U. D. would report that they have examined the Returns, Work, and By-laws of such Chapters as have been submitted to them, and the statements, recommendations and statistics here submitted are the result of their labors.

The By-Laws of Oakland Chapter fail in many particulars to conform to the

usages and regulations, and your Committee would recommend that they be referred back to said Chapter, with instructions to revise the same, and submit them to the Grand High Priest for his approval.

The returns of Flora Chapter were not signed by the High Priest and Secretary.

The returns of Tecumseh Chapter are correct.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to draft a code of by-laws for the guidance of Chapters U. D.

The Committee recommend that Charters be granted as follows:

To Tecumseh Chapter, as Tecumseh Chapter, No. 152, at Hamilton.

To Oakland Chapter, as Oakland Chapter, No. 153, at Oakland.

To Flora Chapter, as Flora Chapter, No. 154, at Flora.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| NAMES OF CHAPTERS. | Dues. | Charter Fees. | No. of Members. | PRESENT CONDIT'N | | | | DEGREES CONFERRED. | | | | |
|--------------------|---------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|--------------------|------------|-----------|----------|--------|
| | | | | No. P. M. | No. M. E. M. | No. R. A. M. | Total. | Marked. | Installed. | Received. | Exalted. | Total. |
| Tecumseh..... | \$7 50 | \$10 00 | 15 | -- | -- | 15 | 15 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 24 |
| Oakland..... | 7 50 | 10 00 | 15 | 1 | -- | 15 | 16 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 26 |
| Flora..... | 7 00 | 10 00 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 16 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 29 |
| | \$22 00 | \$30 00 | 44 | 2 | 1 | 44 | 47 | 21 | 21 | 19 | 18 | 79 |

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. A LEVANWAY, }
CHARLES WILSON, } *Committee.*
H. G. DEARBORN. }

Comp. Jonathan J. French presented the following resolution, and moved its reference to the Committee on Work, viz.:

Resolved, That the Key Stone of a M. M. Mason shall be the same as the Key Stone of a Royal Arch Mason, and the Subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction are requested to use the same in the work of the Mark Master degree.

E. Comp. J. C. McMurtry, from the Committee on Grievances, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

*REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.**To the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois :*

Your Committee on Grievances would report that they have nothing before them except that "old case" of Illinois Chapter, No. 17, against Warren Chapter, No. 30.

In this case, the matter having been adjudicated at the last Annual Convocation of this Grand Body, the money paid and received, in the opinion of your Committee, this ought to be final and so recommended.

In regard to the "protests" sent up in this case your Committee are of the opinion that "protests" are unknown to Masonry and ought not to be encouraged.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. C. McMURTRY, }
A. A. GLENN, } *Committee.*
W. F. BROMFIELD, }

E. Comp. Wilson Hoag, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted :

*REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**To the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois :*

Your Committee on Unfinished Business would report, that they have examined the proceedings of the last Grand Annual Convocation, and find nothing demanding the attention of this Committee.

Fraternally submitted.

WILSON HOAG, }
GEO. E. MONK, } *Committee.*
P. W. BARCLAY, }

On motion of Comp. J. C. McMurtry, it was

Voted, That the purchase of jewels for this Grand Chapter be referred to the Committee on Finance.

M. E. Comp. W. M. Egan presented the invitation of the President of the Board of Trade to visit their rooms, at any time when most convenient, which invitation was, on motion, accepted.

The Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois was then called from labor to refreshment, until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois was called from refreshment to labor in form.

Present—M. E. Comp. James A. Hawley, Grand High Priest; Officers and Representatives as in the morning.

Comp. John F. Burrill, from the Committee on Chartered Chapters, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois:

The undersigned, Committee on Chartered Chapters, respectfully report that they have examined the work and returns of the Chapters submitted to them, and present the following comments, statements and statistics, as the result of their labors:

The following chapters have failed to make returns for two years, and are therefore suspended by Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution, viz.: McHenry No. 34, and George L. Dunlap No. 91. The following make no returns and pay no dues, viz.: Mt. Zion No. 12, Pekin No. 25, Hutsonville No. 40, Carmi No. 83, Kansas No. 125, Kedron No. 138, Evanston No. 144, Robinson No. 149 and Neoga No. 150.

The following omit to report and pay Grand Chapter dues on members, as follows, viz.: Washington No. 143, on thirty-three members; Keystone No. 54, on two members; Montgomery No. 63, on three members; Mendota No. 79, on three members; Salem No. 64, L. L. Munn, No. 96, Newton No. 109, Payson No. 131 and Lanark No. 139, on one member each.

Chicago Chapter No. 127 and Freeport Chapter No. 23, each report two members dropped, which your Committee believe to be in violation of Masonic Law, which forbids the exclusion of any member from Masonic rights and privileges, except after due summons and regular trial.

Union Park Chapter, No. 148, shows a loss of eleven members, which they explain is owing to the loss of all their records in the fire of October 9, 1871, and this being their first report since they were chartered, we recommend that it be accepted and form a basis for their future reports.

Joliet Chapter No. 23 reports seven exaltations, and Richland No. 38 reports fourteen, which is explained in the first instance by a member being exalted in another Chapter, the latter having exalted a candidate at the request of Robinson Chapter No. 149.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN C. SMITH,
JOHN F. BURRILL, } *Committee.*
WILLIAM S. PEASE, }

CHICAGO, October 24, A. D. 1872, A. L. 5872.

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| NAMES AND NUMBERS. | Dues p.d. | Members 1871. | Resident Members. | Non-res't Members. | Members 1872. | Expelled. | Died. | Dimit'ted. | Susp'd'ed. | Net Increase. | Net Decrease. | REMARKS. |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------|-------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Springfield..... | 152 | 132 | 19 | 151 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 m'b'r unacc'd for. |
| 2 Lafayette..... | 140 00 | 322 | 41 | 321 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| 3 Jacksonville..... | 65 00 | 145 | 7 | 137 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 8 | |
| 4 Horeb..... | 21 50 | 48 | 43 | 1 | 44 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | |
| 5 Quincy..... | 62 50 | 151 | 29 | 154 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | |
| 6 Shawneetown..... | | | | | | | | | | | | Vacant. |
| 7 Peoria..... | 55 00 | 129 | 11 | 121 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 10 | 8 | 8 | |
| 8 Alton..... | 40 00 | 96 | 14 | 94 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | Vacant. |
| 9 Stapleton..... | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 Union..... | 35 00 | 66 | 6 | 76 | 12 | | | | | 11 | 11 | |
| 11 Meredosia..... | 22 50 | 46 | 2 | 47 | 3 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 12 Mt. Zion..... | 32 36 | 32 | | 36 | 3 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | Paid since. |
| 13 Euclid..... | 16 00 | 36 | 9 | 41 | 3 | | | | | 5 | 5 | |
| 14 Fox River..... | | 146 | 110 | 26 | 136 | | | 5 | 1 | 10 | 10 | Dues unpaid. |
| 15 Franklin..... | 23 00 | 61 | 46 | 3 | 49 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 2 | 2 | |
| 16 Herman..... | 15 00 | 34 | 30 | 6 | 36 | 3 | | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | |
| 17 Illinois..... | 14 00 | 32 | 28 | 6 | 34 | | | | | | | |
| 18 Barrett..... | 50 00 | 104 | 100 | 18 | 118 | 12 | 3 | | 1 | 14 | 14 | |
| 19 Morse..... | | 86 | 75 | 6 | 81 | | | 5 | 1 | | | Paid since. |
| 20 Lusk..... | 20 50 | 31 | 41 | 2 | 43 | 12 | | | | 12 | 12 | 2 m'b'rs unacc'd for. |
| 21 Macon..... | 49 00 | 107 | 98 | 14 | 112 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | |
| 22 Aurora..... | 85 00 | 268 | 170 | 53 | 231 | 18 | 3 | | 3 | 15 | 15 | |
| 23 Freeport..... | 67 00 | 144 | 134 | 17 | 151 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 7 | |
| 24 Winnebago..... | 105 | 158 | 15 | 173 | 15 | 1 | | 6 | 3 | 8 | 8 | Paid since. |
| 25 Pekin..... | | 38 | | 38 | | | | | 2 | | | No returns. |
| 26 Bloomington..... | 54 00 | 114 | 108 | 3 | 111 | | | 4 | | 3 | 3 | 1 exalted by requ st. |
| 27 Joliet..... | 61 00 | 127 | 122 | 9 | 131 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | |
| 28 Princeton..... | 35 50 | 74 | 71 | 4 | 75 | 6 | | 3 | | 1 | 1 | |
| 29 Clarke..... | 13 00 | 24 | 26 | 2 | 28 | 3 | | | 3 | 4 | 4 | |
| 30 Warren..... | 50 50 | 125 | 101 | 28 | 129 | 9 | | | 1 | 5 | 5 | |
| 31 Orient..... | 28 00 | 53 | 56 | 2 | 58 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 12 | |
| 32 Edgar..... | 54 50 | 101 | 100 | 4 | 113 | 18 | | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Paid since. |
| 33 Carthage..... | | 63 | 62 | 2 | 64 | 3 | 1 | | 1 | | | Vacant. |
| 34 McHenry..... | | 28 | | | 28 | | | | | | | |
| 35 Harmony..... | 21 50 | 38 | 43 | 7 | 50 | 12 | | | | 12 | 12 | Paid since. |
| 36 Woodstock..... | 102 | 81 | 19 | 100 | 6 | | | 1 | | 2 | 2 | 1 exalted by requ st. |
| 37 Shabbona..... | 30 00 | 90 | 78 | 10 | 88 | 6 | | 5 | 2 | | | |
| 38 Richland..... | 30 50 | 61 | 61 | 7 | 68 | 14 | 3 | | 3 | 14 | 14 | |

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| | 1871. | Dues p'd. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mattoon..... | 44 | 28 00 | 44 | 8 | 54 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | 10 | | \$23 00 unpaid. |
| Havana..... | 85 | 30 00 | 45 | 60 | 64 | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Efingham..... | 86 | 31 | 36 | 4 | 32 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Barry..... | 87 | 15 90 | 31 | 4 | 32 | | | | | | | 3 | | 4 | |
| Nashville..... | 88 | 25 00 | 54 | 4 | 54 | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Kishwaukee..... | 89 | 13 00 | 32 | 26 | 28 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Geo. L. Dunlap..... | 90 | 22 00 | 44 | 10 | 54 | | | | | | | | | | |
| ..... | 91 | | 42 | | 42 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Auburn..... | 92 | 28 00 | 52 | 56 | 60 | 9 | | | | | | | | | |
| Centralia..... | 93 | 26 00 | 58 | 4 | 60 | 9 | | | | | | | | | |
| Homer..... | 94 | 13 90 | 28 | 27 | 31 | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Rabboni..... | 95 | 13 00 | 30 | 26 | 31 | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Loyal L. Munn..... | 96 | 32 00 | 60 | 64 | 68 | 9 | | | | | | | | | |
| Tazewell..... | 97 | 17 90 | 37 | 35 | 38 | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Eureka..... | 98 | 22 00 | 51 | 44 | 5 | 49 | | | | | | | | | |
| Fairbury..... | 99 | 28 90 | 66 | 57 | 70 | 9 | | | | | | | | | |
| Marion..... | 100 | 29 00 | 53 | 58 | 1 | 59 | 6 | | | | | | | | |
| Metropolitan..... | 101 | 27 00 | 57 | 54 | 4 | 58 | 6 | | | | | | | | |
| Taylorville..... | 102 | 25 90 | 52 | 51 | 7 | 58 | 6 | | | | | | | | |
| Staley..... | 103 | 24 00 | 45 | 48 | 3 | 51 | 6 | | | | | | | | |
| Clayton..... | 104 | 23 90 | 43 | 47 | 47 | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Lena..... | 105 | 20 00 | 40 | | 41 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belleville..... | 106 | 28 90 | 61 | 57 | 66 | 6 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sandwich..... | 107 | 29 00 | 51 | 58 | 64 | 15 | | | | | | | | | |
| Fulton..... | 108 | 30 90 | 47 | 61 | 65 | 21 | | | | | | | | | |
| Nepon..... | 109 | 14 00 | 26 | 20 | 2 | 6 | | | | | | | | | |
| Woodford..... | 110 | 11 90 | 25 | 23 | 24 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dallas..... | 111 | 16 00 | 30 | 33 | 36 | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Rutland..... | 112 | 31 90 | 74 | 63 | 75 | 6 | | | | | | | | | |
| Ford..... | 113 | 22 00 | 56 | 44 | 58 | 9 | | | | | | | | | |
| Waseka..... | 114 | 27 90 | 48 | 55 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| ..... | 115 | 10 90 | 24 | 22 | 24 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stanton..... | 116 | 20 00 | 43 | 40 | 43 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Palatine..... | 117 | 16 00 | 31 | 36 | 34 | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Milton..... | 118 | 18 00 | 34 | 30 | 36 | | | | | | | | | | |
| DeWitt..... | 119 | 23 00 | 43 | 48 | 46 | 6 | | | | | | | | | |
| ..... | 120 | 24 00 | 52 | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mc. Palski..... | 121 | 15 00 | 32 | 30 | 33 | 6 | | | | | | | | | |
| Odin..... | 122 | 13 00 | 37 | 20 | 32 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chillicothe..... | 123 | 11 90 | 22 | 23 | 26 | 3 | | | | | | | | | |

| | 124 | 125 | 126 | 127 | 128 | 129 | 130 | 131 | 132 | 133 | 134 | 135 | 136 | 137 | 138 | 139 | 140 | 141 | 142 | 143 | 144 | 145 | 146 | 147 | 148 | 149 | 150 | 151 | 152 | 153 | 154 | 155 | 156 | 157 | 158 | 159 | 160 | 161 | 162 | 163 | 164 | 165 | 166 | 167 | 168 | 169 | 170 | 171 | 172 | 173 | 174 | 175 | 176 | 177 | 178 | 179 | 180 | 181 | 182 | 183 | 184 | 185 | 186 | 187 | 188 | 189 | 190 | 191 | 192 | 193 | 194 | 195 | 196 | 197 | 198 | 199 | 200 | 201 | 202 | 203 | 204 | 205 | 206 | 207 | 208 | 209 | 210 | 211 | 212 | 213 | 214 | 215 | 216 | 217 | 218 | 219 | 220 | 221 | 222 | 223 | 224 | 225 | 226 | 227 | 228 | 229 | 230 | 231 | 232 | 233 | 234 | 235 | 236 | 237 | 238 | 239 | 240 | 241 | 242 | 243 | 244 | 245 | 246 | 247 | 248 | 249 | 250 | 251 | 252 | 253 | 254 | 255 | 256 | 257 | 258 | 259 | 260 | 261 | 262 | 263 | 264 | 265 | 266 | 267 | 268 | 269 | 270 | 271 | 272 | 273 | 274 | 275 | 276 | 277 | 278 | 279 | 280 | 281 | 282 | 283 | 284 | 285 | 286 | 287 | 288 | 289 | 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Comp. A. Sallee, from the Committee on Charity, presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois :

Your Committee on Charity would respectfully report that there has been nothing presented to them for consideration during this session.

Fraternally submitted.

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| ABRAHAM SALLEE, | } Committee. |
| A. S. WILLIAMS, | |
| C. KIRPATRICK, | |

Comp. W. A. Stevens submitted the following resolution, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence :

Resolved, That the members on the records of Chicago Chapter, No. 127, and Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, which have been dropped by both, and all Companions claimed by two Chapters in this jurisdiction be left to the decision of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

The Grand Chapter next proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, the M. E. Grand High Priest appointing as tellers, Comps. Jno. C. Smith, Loyal L. Munn, Wm. F. Bromfield, and Edw. Blackshaw.

The votes having been taken, sorted and tallied, the following named officers were declared elected to the offices set opposite their respective names, viz. :

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| Comp. ASA W. BLAKESLEY, Quincy..... | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| " GEORGE E. LOUNSBURY, Mound City..... | <i>Deputy Grand High Priest.</i> |
| " WILLIAM A. J. DELANCEY, Centralia..... | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| " HASWELL C. CLARKE, Kankakee..... | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |
| " HARRISON DILLS, Quincy..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| " JAMES H. MILES, Chicago..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| " REV. WILLIAM H. SCOTT, Metropolis..... | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| " ARTHUR R. ATKINS, Chicago..... | <i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i> |

The testimonial presented to M. E. Comp. John M. Pearson, by this Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocation in October, 1871, having been destroyed in the great fire of October 8th and 9th, M. E. Comp. W. M. Egan offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted :

Resolved, That whereas the testimonial presented at the last session of this Grand Chapter to Past Grand High Priest J. M. Pearson was destroyed by fire,

and it is eminently proper that the same be replaced ; that the subject be referred to the Finance Committee to report a suitable appropriation therefor, and that the former Committee having the matter in charge be authorized to have a duplicate thereof prepared and delivered to M. E. Comp. J. M. Pearson.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed the following Special Committee on Charity : Comps. Asa W. Blakesley, John C. Smith, and Ira S. Curtis.

On motion of Comp. J. R. Gorin, it was

Voted, That the dues of Lafayette Chapter, No. 2, Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, and Joliet Chapter, No. 27, be remitted, and that new Charters be granted without charge.

M. E. Comp. W. M. Egan, from the Committee on Lectures, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

To the M. E. G. H. P. and Companions of the Grand Chapter :

Your Committee on Lectures, appointed at the last Convocation, have given the subject such consideration as their opportunities would allow, and respectfully report that they find the subject one fraught with many difficulties, and that in their opinion, with the work now promulgated in this jurisdiction, and the monitors published by Eminent Companions, there really exists no pressing need of any system of lectures more than we now have, and recommend no action in the case, and ask to be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

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| W. M. EGAN, J. M. PEARSON, L. L. MUNN, J. H. MILES, A. A. GLENN, | } Committee. |
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Comp. Orris B. Dodge, from the Committee on Accounts, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois :

The Committee on Accounts report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and the vouchers therewith submitted, and find that the Grand Treasurer has received and is charged with the following sums, to wit :

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| To balance on hand at last Grand Convocation, as per report..... | \$2,023 75 |
| To amount of U. S. 5-20 bonds on hand..... | 3,000 00 |
| To interest received on above | 101 70 |
| To interest due July, 1872, on bonds..... | 101 70 |
| To amount received of Grand Secretary..... | 4,082 33 |
| | <hr/> \$9,309 48 |

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That he has paid out and is entitled to credit for the following sums, to wit :

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| By amount of mileage and per diem, for 1871..... | \$3,031 10 |
| By Grand Chapter orders..... | 2,437 75 |
| By cash paid for postage and stationery..... | 5 35 |
| By 1½ per cent. commission on disbursements | 82 11 |
| | <hr/> \$5,556 31 |
| By amount invested in U. S. bonds | 3,000 00 |
| By cash in Treasurer's hands Oct. 24, 1872 | 753 17 |
| | <hr/> \$9,309 48 |

Your Committee find that the Grand Secretary has received, as per report submitted, from

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| Chartered Chapters, for 1871..... | \$95 00 |
| Chartered Chapters, for 1872..... | 3,702 50 |
| For Dues, Chapters U. D..... | 39 00 |
| For Dispensations, Chapters U. D..... | 360 00 |
| For Special Dispensations, issued by G. H. P..... | 12 00 |
| For Charter fees..... | 42 00 |
| | <hr/> \$4,250 50 |

That he has paid out as follows :

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| For S. D. Childs & Co..... | \$10 00 |
| To E. N. Tucker, Telegrams and services | 19 50 |
| “ A. S. Babcock, services as R. R. Clerk..... | 10 00 |
| “ One dozen Charter cases..... | 3 50 |
| “ J. W. Middleton, etc., “Record”..... | 20 00 |
| “ Geo. McElwain, “G. H. P.” jewel..... | 100 00 |
| “ Horton & Leonard, printing..... | 60 50 |

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| To Book case, and painting same..... | 91 00 |
| " General expense account rendered..... | 72 40 |
| " Cash book..... | 2 25 |
| " One spittoon..... | 60 |
| " Postage, telegrams and express..... | 87 91 |
| " Postage, stationery, express, printing of Grand High Priest..... | 44 15 |
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| | \$521 81 |

The Committee would recommend that an order be drawn in favor of Comp. James H. Miles, for the amount, viz.: \$521.81.

Your Committee recommend that there be appropriated, as a contingent fund for printing and other incidental expenses during the current year, subject to the order of the Grand High Priest, the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00.)

That there be allowed as follows:

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| To Comp. E. N. Tucker, Assistant Secretary..... | \$20 00 |
| " A. R. Robinson, Grand Tyler..... | 10 00 |
| " T. H. Agnew, Janitor..... | 20 00 |
| To M. E. Comp. J. A. Hawley, Grand High Priest..... | 200 00 |

To the Grand officers, Representatives highest in rank from each Chapter, and members of Committees, not included in above, there be allowed mileage and per diem, as per pay roll already prepared by the Grand Secretary.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend the appointment of M. E. Comp. James H. Miles, as a Committee to purchase suitable jewels and regalia for this Grand Chapter, and that an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) be appropriated for that purpose.

In regard to the resolution of the Grand Chapter, relating to replacing the testimonial to M. E. Comp. J. M. Pearson, P. G. H. P., the Committee would recommend that a sum not exceeding seventy-five dollars be appropriated to procure a duplicate of the one presented at the last Convocation, in compliance with the resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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| ORRIS B. DODGE, | } <i>Committee on Finance.</i> |
| D. G. WELLS, | |
| WM. LAW, JR., | |

GRAND TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

HARRISON DILLS, *Grand Treasurer.**In account with the Grand Chapter of Illinois.*

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| October 6, 1871, To balance cash on hand..... | \$2,023 75 |
| " " " " amount of U. S. 5-20 bonds..... | 3,000 00 |
| " " " " interest on bonds..... | 203 40 |
| " " " " amount received from Grand Secretary..... | 4,082 33 |
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| | \$9,309 48 |

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| October 6, 1871, By Pay Roll for 1870..... | \$3,031 10 |
| " " " " amount invested in 5-20 bonds..... | 3,000 00 |
| " " " " Order, No. 105, J. H. Miles..... | 500 00 |
| " " " " " " 106, E. N. Tucker..... | 20 00 |
| " " " " " " 107, A. S. Babcock..... | 10 00 |
| " " " " " " 108, L. K. Osborn..... | 10 00 |
| " " " " " " 109, A. R. Robinson.... | 10 00 |
| " " " " " " 110, A. A. Murray..... | 200 00 |
| " " " " " " 111, " "..... | 75 00 |
| " " " " " " 112, J. C. Luckey..... | 75 00 |
| " " " " " " 113, H. W. Hubbard.... | 75 00 |
| February 7, 1872, " " " " 114, J. H. Miles..... | 250 00 |
| April 4, " " " " 115, Horton & Leonard.... | 27 00 |
| " " " " " " 116, " "..... | 76 00 |
| " " " " " " 117, " "..... | 596 25 |
| " " " " " " 118, J. H. Miles..... | 250 00 |
| July 9, " " " " 119, " "..... | 250 00 |
| October 24, " " " " " "..... | 13 50 |
| " " " Postage and stationery..... | 5 35 |
| " " " 1½ per cent. commissions..... | 82 11 |
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| | \$8,556 31 |
| October 24, 1872, To cash in hands of Grand Treasurer..... | \$753 17 |

GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.

JAMES H. MILES, *Grand Secretary.**In account with the Grand Chapter of Illinois.*

| NAME AND NO. OF CHAPTER. | DUES. | NAME AND NO. OF CHAPTER. | DUES. |
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| Springfield No. 1 | \$66 00 | Brought forward | \$2,262 50 |
| Lafayette 2 | 140 00 | Mound 74 | 11 00 |
| Jacksonville 3 | 65 00 | Reynolds 75 | 21 00 |
| Horeb 4 | 21 50 | Mason 76 | 15 50 |
| Quincy 5 | 62 50 | Carrollton 77 | 41 00 |
| Peoria 7 | 55 00 | Kankakee 78 | 27 50 |
| Alton 8 | 40 00 | Mendota 79 | 34 50 |
| Union 10 | 35 00 | Urbana 80 | 26 00 |
| Meredosia 11 | 22 50 | Louisville 81 | 15 00 |
| Euclid 13 | 16 00 | Vermillion 82 | 22 50 |
| Franklin 15 | 23 00 | H. G. Reynolds 84 | 27 50 |
| Herman 16 | 15 00 | Havana 86 | 30 00 |
| Illinois 17 | 14 00 | Effingham 87 | 15 50 |
| Barrett 18 | 50 00 | Barry 88 | 25 00 |
| Lusk 20 | 20 50 | Nashville 89 | 13 00 |
| Macon 21 | 49 00 | Kishwaukee 90 | 22 00 |
| Aurora 22 | 85 00 | Auburn 92 | 28 00 |
| Freeport 23 | 67 00 | Centralia 93 | 26 00 |
| Bloomington 26 | 54 00 | Homer 94 | 13 50 |
| Joliet 27 | 61 00 | Rabboni 95 | 13 00 |
| Princeton 28 | 35 50 | L. L. Munn 96 | 32 00 |
| Clarke 29 | 13 00 | Tazewell 97 | 17 50 |
| Warren 30 | 50 50 | Eureka 98 | 22 00 |
| Orient 31 | 28 00 | Fairbury 99 | 28 50 |
| Edgar 32 | 54 50 | Marion 100 | 29 00 |
| Harmony 35 | 21 50 | Metropolitan 101 | 27 00 |
| Shabbona 37 | 39 00 | Taylorville 102 | 25 50 |
| Richland 38 | 30 50 | Staley 103 | 24 00 |
| Waukegan 41 | 40 00 | Clayton 104 | 23 50 |
| Washington 43 | 141 50 | Lena 105 | 20 00 |
| Duquoin 44 | 14 50 | Belleville 106 | 28 50 |
| Egyptian 45 | 19 50 | Sandwich 107 | 29 00 |
| Galesburg 46 | 31 00 | Fulton 108 | 30 50 |
| Kewanee 47 | 26 00 | Newton 109 | 14 00 |
| Markwell 48 | 15 50 | Woodford 110 | 11 50 |
| Sycamore 49 | 33 00 | Dallas 111 | 16 00 |
| Champaign 50 | 24 50 | New Rutland 112 | 31 50 |
| Jo Daviess 51 | 36 00 | Ford 113 | 22 00 |
| DeKalb 52 | 49 50 | Watseka 114 | 27 50 |
| Burke 53 | 16 50 | Pana 115 | 10 50 |
| Keystone 54 | 20 50 | Staunton 116 | 20 00 |
| Nachusa 56 | 38 00 | Palestine 117 | 16 00 |
| Sterling 57 | 27 00 | Milton 118 | 18 00 |
| Cement 58 | 18 50 | DeWitt 119 | 23 00 |
| Goodbrake 59 | 29 00 | Elliott 120 | 24 00 |
| Peru 60 | 17 50 | Mt. Pulaski 121 | 15 00 |
| Tyrian 61 | 17 00 | Odin 122 | 13 00 |
| Lebanon 62 | 34 50 | Chillicothe 123 | 11 50 |
| Montgomery 63 | 37 50 | Sangamon 124 | 12 50 |
| Salem 64 | 27 50 | W. M. Egan 126 | 44 00 |
| Bement 65 | 19 50 | Chicago 127 | 41 50 |
| Tuscola 66 | 47 50 | Sullivan 128 | 15 50 |
| Vienna 67 | 23 00 | Nathan Whitney 129 | 23 00 |
| Canton 68 | 27 50 | Mackey 130 | 22 00 |
| Corinthian 69 | 86 00 | Payson 131 | 12 50 |
| Marshall 70 | 27 50 | Girard 132 | 15 00 |
| Cairo 71 | 20 50 | Wyoming 133 | 17 00 |
| Augusta 72 | 37 50 | LaHarpe 134 | 14 50 |
| Lansing 73 | 24 50 | Perry 135 | 11 00 |
| Forward | 2,262 50 | Forward | 3,529 00 |

GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT—Continued.

| NAME AND NO. OF CHAPTER. | DUES. | NAME AND NO. OF CHAPTER. | DUES. |
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| Brought forward | \$3,529 00 | Brought forward | \$3,887 50 |
| Vandalia | 16 00 | Crossman | 90 00 |
| Mt. Sterling | 16 50 | Flora | 90 00 |
| Laanark | 14 00 | Tecumsey | 90 00 |
| Jerseyville | 22 00 | Special Dispensations | 12 00 |
| Ashley | 14 00 | | |
| Wilmington | 20 50 | CHARTER FEES. | |
| Odell | 16 00 | Oakland | 7 00 |
| Edwardsville | 10 00 | Tecumsey | 7 00 |
| Lincoln | 12 00 | Flora | 7 00 |
| Union Park | 22 00 | Three Chapters, 1871 | 21 00 |
| Rock River | 10 50 | | |
| DUES—1871. | | DUES—CHAPTERS U. D. | |
| Orient | No. 31 26 00 | Oakland | 7 50 |
| L. L. Munn | 96 28 00 | Tecumsey | 7 50 |
| Pekin | 25 16 00 | Flora | 7 00 |
| Taylorville | 122 25 00 | Pinkneyville | 17 00 |
| DISPENSATION FEES. | | Total | \$4,250 50 |
| Oakland | 90 00 | | |
| Forward | 3,887 50 | | |

\$4,250.50.

Received, Chicago, October 24, 1873, of James H. Miles, Grand Secretary, Four Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars and Fifty Cents, dues to the Grand Chapter of Illinois, for the session of 1872.

HARRISON DILLS, *Grand Treasurer.*

GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

In account with JAMES H. MILES, Grand Secretary.

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| November 24, 1871, To paid | Jno. W. Middleton & Co., stationery | \$13 50 |
| June 12, 1872, " | Geo. L. Schuler, calcimining | 17 25 |
| " 28, " " | Mrs. McCann, cleaning room | 4 25 |
| September 25, " " | Dean Bro. & Hoffmann, stationery | 3 55 |
| " 26, " " | A. L. Hale & Bro., chairs | 9 60 |
| October 19, " " | Sevey & Co., stove, etc | 46 45 |
| " 19, " " | J. W. Middleton & Co., stationery | 3 50 |
| " 21, " " | Horton & Leonard, printing | 3 00 |
| " 17, " " | J. W. Skinkle, Treas'r, rent room No. 2 | 150 00 |
| " 17, " " | One table for office | 15 00 |
| " 21, " " | Half ton of coal | 5 00 |

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| October 24, 1872, By cash received for six months' rent of room..... | \$162 50 |
| “ “ “ “ two-thirds of amount charged to Grand Chapter.. | 72 40 |
| “ “ “ “ one-third “ “ Grand Commandery.. | 36 20 |
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| | \$271 10 |

M. E. Comp. A. A. Murray, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received, and the recommendations adopted :

REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Illinois:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence respectfully report that they have considered the resolution offered by M. E. Companion Egan, proposing to rescind “Resolutions in force” numbered 13, 14 and 15, and that they are of the opinion that resolutions numbered 13 and 14 are clearly unjust and unconstitutional, in this, that the same operate to deprive Companions of membership without trial or conviction, and, in fact, without any sufficient cause and without the knowledge or consent of those concerned.

They are also of opinion that the provisions of number 15 are improper, and unjust to resident members. We therefore recommend that the resolution offered by Companion Egan be adopted.

Your Committee have also considered the decisions reported by the M. E. Grand High Priest, numbered 1 to 5, and most cordially endorse each of them as correct, and recommend their approval by this Grand Chapter.

Your Committee further report that they have considered the resolution offered by Companion W. A. Stevens, in reference to certain Companions whose membership is in dispute as between different Subordinate Chapters, and recommend the following in lieu thereof :

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized to hear evidence and determine all questions of disputed membership as between Chicago Chapter, No. 127, and Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, and his decision herein shall be final.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

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| A. A. MURRAY, | } Committee. |
| JAS. M. PEARSON, | |
| O. H. MINER, | |

On motion of M. E. Comp. O. H. Miner, it was voted that the resolution offered by M. E. Comp. W. M. Egan be adopted, viz.:

WHEREAS, Resolutions in force of this Grand Chapter, numbered 13, 14 and 15, are believed to be unconstitutional; Therefore,

Resolved, That said Resolutions be and the same are hereby repealed.

The M. E. Grand High Priest elect announced the appointment of the following officers, and that he had approved the bonds of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Comp. JAMES C. McMURTRY.....Henderson ...*Grand Prin. Sojourner.*
 " EDWARD BLACKSHAW.....Urbana.....*Grand R. A. Captain.*
 " GRANVILLE M. EVATT.....Quincy*Gr. Master of 3d Veil.*
 " SILAS O. VAUGHN.....DeKalb*Gr. Master of 2d Veil.*
 " F. D. MASON.....Paxton.....*Gr. Master of 1st Veil.*
 " THOMAS H. AGNEW.....Chicago.....*Grand Steward.*
 " ARNOLD R. ROBINSON.....Springfield ...*Grand Tyler.*

The M. E. Grand High Priest, assisted by M. E. Comp. Wiley M. Egan as Grand Master, then installed the Grand Officers elected and appointed, and they were duly inducted into their several stations, and proclaimed as follows, viz.:

M. E. Comp. ASA W. BLAKESLEY.....Quincy.....*Grand High Priest.*
 " " " GEORGE E. LOUNSBURY..Mound City..*Dep'y Gr. High Priest.*
 E. Comp. WM. A. J. DELANCY.....Centralia...*Grand King.*
 " " HASWELL C. CLARKE...Kankakee...*Grand Scribe.*
 M. E. " JAMES H. MILES.....Chicago...*Grand Secretary.*
 " " HARRISON DILLS.....Quincy ...*Grand Treasurer.*
 Rev.& E. " WILLIAM H. SCOTT.....Metropolis ..*Grand Chaplain.*
 " " ARTHUR R. ATKINS.....Chicago ...*Gr. Captain of the Host.*
 " " JAMES C. McMURTRY.....Henderson ..*Grand Prin. Sojourner.*
 " " EDWARD BLACKSHAW.....Urbana ...*Grand R. A. Captain.*
 " " GRANVILLE M. EVATT.....Quincy*Gr. Master of 3d Veil.*
 " " SILAS O. VAUGHN.....DeKalb.....*Gr. Master of 2d Veil.*
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 " " THOMAS H. AGNEW.....Chicago.....*Grand Steward.*
 " " ARNOLD R. ROBINSON...Springfield ..*Grand Tyler.*

M. E. Comp. Asa W. Blakesley, Grand High Priest, presiding.

On motion of M. E. Comp. L. L. Munn, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter hereby tenders its thanks to M. E. Comp. James A. Hawley, for the able, wise and zealous manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office of Grand High Priest during the Masonic year just closed, and that the best wishes of this Grand Chapter for his future welfare and prosperity are hereby tendered by this Grand Chapter ; and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure and present to him a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel, as a testimony of our appreciation thereof.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are hereby tendered to Cleveland Lodge, No. 211, A. F. & A. Masons, for the use of their apartments during this annual convention.

The Grand Chapter of Illinois was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock to-morrow, Friday, October 25th, 1872.

CHICAGO, *Friday, October 25th, 1872.*

The Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock A. M.

Present: M. E. Comp. Asa W. Blakesley, Grand High Priest. Officers and Representatives as on yesterday.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Special Committee on Charity, appointed by the M. E. Grand High Priest, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted, and the report of the Committee directed to be printed with the proceedings.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois:

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Committee on Charity, appointed by the M. E. Grand High Priest, for the purpose of receiving and disbursing such funds as might be contributed by the Royal Craft for the relief of our suffering Companions by the great fire of October 9th, 1871, would fraternally report :

That we have perused with especial interest the full and able report of said Committee, which sets forth in detail the receipts from the several Grand Jurisdictions in the United States ; also, from the Subordinate Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction and Companions of the Royal Craft, together with the expenditures.

and disbursements of the same, and would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions, to wit :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered, to our Companions Wiley M. Egan, James H. Miles and Robert H. Foss, the Chicago Committee on Masonic Charities, and their able assistant, Companion E. N. Tucker, Secretary of Lafayette Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M., for the able and impartial manner displayed by them in the distribution of this grand charity, contributed for the relief of our destitute Companions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are hereby tendered to the various Chapters and Companions contributing to this relief fund, for this their practical illustration of that greatest of all Masonic virtues — Charity.

Your Committee have noted with pleasure the fraternal action of the M. W. Grand Master D. C. Cregier, and the cordial manner in which he co-operated with your Committee in placing in their hands all moneys received by him which were intended for destitute Royal Arch Masons.

In view of the coming winter, and the numerous cases of destitution which must necessarily present themselves, we would respectfully recommend that the Committee on Masonic Charities, appointed by the M. E. Grand High Priest, be continued until the next session of this Grand Chapter, and that they have full power to disburse such moneys as are now in their keeping, in accordance with the intention of the donors, all of which is respectfully submitted.

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| A. W. BLAKESLEY, | } Committee. |
| J. C. SMITH, | |
| IRA R. CURTISS, | |

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee appointed to receive and disburse such funds as were placed in their hands for the relief of suffering Companions by the great fire of October 8th and 9th, 1871, would fraternally report : That, pursuant to said appointment, they met at the office of M. E. Comp. Wiley M. Egan, and adopted the following Preamble and Resolution :

WHEREAS, By authority of the Grand High Priest of the State of Illinois, the undersigned were appointed a Committee to receive and disburse funds contributed for the relief of suffering Royal Arch Masons by the late fire ;

Therefore, in pursuance of the above authority, we request the Committee of South Chicago, of which Comp. V. L. Hurlbut is Chairman, and also the Grand Master of Illinois, to pay over to us such funds now in their hands, or hereafter received by them, for the relief of Royal Arch Masons.

Therefore,

Resolved, That the High Priests of Lafayette Chapter, No. 2 ; Washington Chapter, No. 43 ; Corinthian Chapter, No. 69 ; Wiley M. Egan Chapter, No. 126 ;

Chicago Chapter, No. 127, and Union Park Chapter, No. 148, be and they are hereby earnestly requested to co-operate with this Committee in the relief of suffering Companions by the late fire.

The Committee, deeming it necessary that some suitable Companion should be selected to inquire into and search out such cases as were in need of assistance, appointed Comp. E. N. Tucker, Secretary of Lafayette Chapter, No. 2, for that purpose, to whose exertions the Committee are greatly indebted for the manner in which assistance has been rendered.

In response to the Circular issued by the Grand Secretary, by request of the Committee, the following communication was received from M. W. D. C. Cregier President of the Masonic Board of Relief:

MASONIC BOARD OF RELIEF, MASONIC TEMPLE,
Chicago, November 14, 1871.

JAMES H. MILES, Esq.,

M. E. Grand Secretary Grand Chapter of Illinois:

Dear Sir and Comp.—Yours of the 12th instant, communicating the action of the Grand Chapter in regard to funds in my hands for the relief of Comps. R. A. Masons, duly received. I beg leave to state that I am not aware that any moneys have been sent me for the special purpose referred to, and yet it may appear by the correspondence that funds sent me are intended to be disbursed by the Committee of distinguished Masons created by the Grand Chapter.

In order that the fact may be ascertained and mutually agreed upon, I fraternally invite the Committee, Bros. Egan, Miles and Foss, to examine the letters from donors, at such time and place as they may select.

With great respect for your colleagues, and assurances of my esteem for yourself,

I am fraternally yours,

DEWITT C. CREGIER,
Prest. M. B. R.

At a subsequent period, discovering that money had been received by the Board of Relief for the assistance of Companion Royal Arch Masons, the same was paid over to the Committee, as will appear by the subsequent financial report.

The Committee would further report that all moneys received have been duly acknowledged, and all correspondence carefully preserved.

The following is a detailed report of your Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. EGAN,
JAMES H. MILES, } *Committee.*
ROBERT H. FOSS, }

JAMES H. MILES, *Secretary.**In account with Relief Fund of Royal Arch Masons.*

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| Oct. 24. | To amount received of Centralia Chapter, No. 93. by Hiram W. Hubbard..... | \$ 50 00 |
| 24. | Barrett Chapter, No. 18..... | 100 00 |
| 24. | Nachusa Chapter, No. 26, by O. B. Dodge, H. P..... | 50 00 |
| 26. | Sutton Chapter, Lynn, Mass., by Geo. B. Tolman, Tr.. | 200 00 |
| 30. | Richland Chapter, No. 38, by J. C. Upton, Sec..... | 50 00 |
| 30. | St. John's Chapter, No. 4, Wilmington, Del., by draft on Isaac C. Pyle, Tr..... | 150 00 |
| Nov. 3. | Columbia Chapter, No. 5, Columbia, L. C., by H. E. Bruce, Sec..... | 50 00 |
| 4. | New Rutland Chapter, No. 12, by E. L. Marquis, H. P. | 15 00 |
| 7. | Grand Chapter of Indiana, by Rees E. Chestnutwood, G. H. P., South Bend..... | 200 00 |
| 10. | Metropolis Chapter, No. 101, by Jas. Elliott, Sec..... | 50 00 |
| 10. | Grand Chapter of New York, by R. G. Williams, G. H. P., Utica..... | 360 00 |
| 13. | Keystone Chapter, No. 163, New York, by Chas. G. Fox, Gr. Sec..... | 100 00 |
| 15. | Marengo Chapter, No. 73, by J. N. Ingersoll, Sec..... | 25 00 |
| 21. | Freeport Chapter, No. 23, by H. N. Cronkrite, Sec..... | 49 80 |
| 21. | Grand Chapter of New York, by R. G. Williams, G. H. P., Utica..... | 200 00 |
| 21. | Clinton Chapter, No. 59, by J. Frendenstein, Sec..... | 25 00 |
| Dec. 2. | Shabbona Chapter, No. 37, Ottawa, by W. S. Easton, Sec | 50 00 |
| 5. | Grand Chapter, Kansas, by E. T. Carr, Grand Sec..... | 100 00 |
| 9. | Nachusa Chapter, No. 56, by O. B. Dodge..... | 15 00 |
| 9. | Champaign Chapter, No. 50, by B. Frank Wingard, Sec | 25 00 |
| 13. | Capt. Chas. H. Norris, by Mrs. Anna A. Norris Bristol, R. I..... | 10 00 |
| 13. | Carthage Chapter, No. 33, by Jno. M. Ferris, Sec..... | 100 00 |
| 15. | Macomb Chapter, No. 19, by J. W. Hays..... | 50 00 |
| 25. | Cairo Chapter, No. 71, by P. C. Korsmeyer, Sec..... | 50 00 |
| 25. | Fulton Chapter, No. 108, by W. C. Snyder, Tr..... | 25 00 |
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| Jan. 5. | Herman Chapter, No. 16, by C. Bodemer, Sec..... | 15 00 |
| 12. | Grand Chapter of New York, by R. G. Williams, G. H. P. | 171 00 |
| 12. | Almona Chapter, Charles City, Iowa, by H. C. Raymond | 12 50 |
| Feb. 17. | Grand Chapter of New York, by R. G. Williams, G. H. P. | 25 00 |
| 12. | Meredosia Chapter, No. 11, by G. W. Graham, Sec.... | 25 00 |
| April 4. | Grand Chapter, New Hampshire, by J. A. Harris, Grand Sec..... | 170 00 |
| | Forward | \$2,518 30 |

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| | Brought forward..... | \$2,518 30 | |
| Apr. 20. | Nathan Whitney Chapter, No. 129, by P. C. Roney, H. P. | 25 00 | |
| May 24. | Dewitt C. Cregier, Grand Master. as follows : | | |
| | Clinton Chapter, 26, Mt. Vernon, O., by J. M. Burr \$ | 50 | |
| | Mt. Pulaski, No. 121, by W. P. Sawyer..... | 50 | |
| | Edgar Chapter, No. 32, by D. G. Burr..... | 50 | |
| " | Havana Chapter, No. 86, by E. Snyder..... | 75 | |
| " | Kedron Chapter, No. 158, by J. H. Lawrence..... | 25 | |
| " | Markwell Chapter, No. 30, Lansing, Iowa, by H. H. | | |
| | Hemingway | 10 | |
| " | Lincoln Chapter, No. 53, Crown Point, Ind., by M. | | |
| | M. Stoltz..... | 25 | |
| " | St. John's Chapter, No. 57, Ft. Monroe, Va., by W. | | |
| | E. Prescott and J. G. Fulton, Committee..... | 40 | |
| " | Newport, R. I., by W. G. Stevens..... | 100 | |
| " | Union Chapter, No. 7, N. Jersey, by W. E. Pim, G. M. | 100 | |
| " | Allen Chapter, No. 203, Allentown, Pa., by Jno. | | |
| | Thompson, Gr. S..... | 25 | |
| " | Columbia Chapter, No. 91, Philadelphia, by Jno. | | |
| | Thompson, Gr. S..... | 100 | |
| " | Gate of Temple, No. 208, Brooklyn, N. Y., by Jno. | | |
| | H. Anthony, G. M..... | 50 | |
| " | Adams Chapter, No. 205, Adams, N. Y..... | 50 | |
| " | Idaho Chapter, Idaho City, by J. W. Brown, gold, | 100 | |
| | and premium..... | 11 | |
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| | Total..... | | \$3,404 30 |

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| Oct. 21. | By one-half expense account rendered..... | \$307 18 | |
| | " amount disbursements..... | 625 00 | |
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| | " Balance cash on hand..... | | \$2,472 12 |
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1871. GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT MASONIC BOARD OF RELIEF.

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| Nov. 30. | To paid Horton & Leonard..... | \$ 34 00 | |
| 30. | " " "..... | 26 50 | |
| 30. | " " "..... | 4 50 | |
| Dec. 1. | " " "..... | 4 50 | |
| 5. | " " Tribune Co..... | 104 16 | |
| 5. | " " Times Co..... | 104 16 | |
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| Oct. 22. | " " E. N. Tucker's expense account..... | 32 04 | |
| 22. | " " E. N. Tucker's services..... | 300 00 | |
| 22. | " " Blank Books..... | 4 50 | |
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| Oct. 21. | By one-half to account Grand Commandery..... | \$307 18 | |
| | “ one-half to account Grand Chapter..... | 307 18 | |
| | | | \$614 36 |

To M. E. Comp. WILEY M. EGAN, JAMES H. MILES, ROBERT H. FOSS: Committee appointed by M. E. Comp. James A. Hawley, Grand High Priest, to receive and disburse fund contributed for relief of suffering Companions by the fire of October 8th and 9th, 1871:

The undersigned, having been appointed by the above Committee to examine such cases as may be reported, would most respectfully make the following report :

There have been examined in all thirty-seven cases, of which fifteen have received aid to the amount of six hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$625). Of the balance, five refused aid — *worthy* cases. The others were either unworthy, or were not considered such as we had a right to assist. Many times applications were made that no notice could be taken of them ; several proved to be impostors outright.

A brief history of some of the most prominent cases will be found herewith annexed.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. N. TUCKER, *Agent*.

M. E. Comp. James H. Miles, from the Committee on Correspondence, verbally reported that the Report was not yet ready, and asked time to complete the same, with permission to print the proceedings, which request was, on motion, granted.

REPORT ON MASONIC CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois :

The Committee on Masonic Correspondence present this their Annual Report :

GRAND CHAPTERS IN CORRESPONDENCE.

| No. | STATE. | YEAR. | GRAND SECRETARY. | RESIDENCE. |
|-----|----------------------|-------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1. | Alabama | 1871 | Daniel Sayre | Montgomery. |
| 2. | Arkansas | | | |
| 3. | California | 1872 | Chas. Louis Wiggin | San Francisco. |
| 4. | Canada | 1871 | T. Bird Harris | Hamilton, Ont. |
| 5. | Connecticut | 1872 | Joseph K. Wheeler | Hartford. |
| 6. | Delaware | 1872 | John P. Allmond | Wilmington. |
| 7. | District of Columbia | 1871 | Chas. W. Hancock | Washington. |
| 8. | Florida | | | |
| 9. | Georgia | | | |
| 10. | Indiana | 1871 | John M. Bramwell | Indianapolis. |
| 11. | Iowa | 1871 | Wm. B. Langridge | Muscatine. |
| 12. | Kansas | 1871 | Erasmus T. Carr | Leavenworth. |
| 13. | Kentucky | 1871 | Philip Swigert | Frankfort. |
| 14. | Louisiana | 1872 | Jas. C. Batchelder | New Orleans. |
| 15. | Maine | 1872 | Ira Berry | Portland. |
| 16. | Maryland | 1871 | Wm. A. Wentz | Baltimore. |
| 17. | Massachusetts | 1871 | G. H. Thomas, jr. | Boston. |
| 18. | Michigan | 1872 | J. Eastman Jones | Centreville. |
| 19. | Minnesota | 1872 | Wm. S. Combs | St. Paul. |
| 20. | Mississippi | 1872 | J. L. Power | Jackson. |
| 21. | Missouri | 1871 | Geo. Frank Gouley | St. Louis. |
| 22. | Nebraska | 1871 | Robert W. Furnas | Brownsville. |
| 23. | New Hampshire | 1872 | Abel Hutchins | Concord. |
| 24. | New Jersey | 1871 | Thomas J. Carson | Trenton. |
| 25. | New York | 1872 | Christopher G. Fox | Buffalo. |
| 26. | North Carolina | 1872 | Thomas B. Carr | Wilmington. |
| 27. | Nova Scotia | 1872 | James Gossip | Halifax. |
| 28. | Ohio | 1871 | James Nesbit | Troy. |
| 29. | Oregon | 1872 | Robert P. Earhart | Salem. |
| 30. | Pennsylvania | 1871 | John Thomson | Philadelphia. |
| 31. | Rhode Island | | | |
| 32. | South Carolina | 1872 | Augustine T. Smythe | Charleston. |
| 33. | Tennessee | 1871 | John Frizzell | Nashville. |
| 34. | Texas | | | |
| 35. | Vermont | 1872 | W. H. S. Whitcomb | Burlington. |
| 36. | Virginia | 1871 | John Dove | Richmond. |
| 37. | West Virginia | 1871 | Odell S. Long | Wheeling. |
| 38. | Wisconsin | 1872 | Wm. T. Palmer | Milwaukee. |

ALABAMA.

The Forty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Montgomery, December 5, 1871. M. E. Comp. H. Clay Armstrong, Grand High Priest. 51 Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest thus opens his address :

"Very precious are the experiences of the past, as its recollections come to us freighted with kind and fraternal greetings, and harmonious endeavors in the prosecution of the one purpose of our assembling — the good of our Order. Remotely separated as are our dwelling places ; diverse and distinct as are our ordinary pursuits, and the hopes and aims and aspirations of our lives, there is a *unity* that belongs to us as Masons. The golden chain, whose links are 'Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth,' extends from heart to heart ; and we thus receive and transmit continually the current of genuine charity and sympathy.

"Throughout our whole country, society presents distractions to the most encouraging view ; and complaints of wide-spread demoralization, born of the doubts and temptations, the trials and difficulties of the times through which we are passing, meet us on every hand ; but there is not, I trust, nor will there be, cause to believe that our bond of union is relaxed, or that we have suffered our hitherto high standard of moral purity and excellence to be lowered.

"If it be indeed true that we have fallen upon evil times ; that men generally are less mindful of their obligations than formerly ; that confidence is being destroyed, and the bonds of society relaxed ; be ours the mission to so cleave to the tenets of our Order, and so illustrate them in our daily walk and conversation, as to severally furnish, in the sphere of our influence, an effectual antidote to this degeneracy. Thus may we exemplify the teachings of Masonry, and thus contribute, in our day and generation, to the strength and beauty and usefulness of the institution."

He notices in appropriate language, the decease of Past Grand High Priest William P. Chilton, and thus speaks of the condition of the Royal Craft :

"My intercourse with Companions has impressed me that Royal Arch Masonry, in this jurisdiction, is in a healthy condition. It may be that Subordinate Chapters have not greatly increased their numbers during the past masonic year ; I incline to the belief they have not. But I do not regard that fact as indicating a tendency to weakness, having no reason to believe indifference and lethargy the cause.

"It is a truth, as important as it is trite, and one which can not be too frequently impressed, that our strength is not in numbers alone. The pure in heart and life should alone be permitted to pass our veils ; and not least of the trusts committed to us, is so to guard the several stations that none other than the truly worthy shall gain admittance into our sanctuary. Let fidelity at this point characterize our Companions, and our continued prosperity is assured."

Comp. P. J. Pillans presents the report on Correspondence, in which he ably reviews the transactions of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, including Illinois for 1870. Of our report, he says :

" In this report, which is lengthy, the Companions of Illinois will find much that will interest of the opinions of other jurisdictions on various subjects of interest and nothing to bring the blush of shame to their cheeks.

" Comp. Miles has given an exceedingly fair expose of the acts and doings of the various Grand Chapters reviewed."

In conclusion :

" We regret that so many of the family are absent from us, for we delight to hold intercourse with them all. From those with whom we have been conversing, however, we learn that harmony and prosperity attend the Royal Craft ; no discordant sound is heard, and virtue and charity are everywhere inculcated. The growth is abundantly large, and we hope that it is as sound and healthy as large."

M. E. Comp. H. Clay Armstrong, of Notasulga, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Daniel Sayre, of Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 51 Chapters ; 1,909 members ; 108 exalted.

CALIFORNIA.

The Eighteenth Annual Convocation was held at San Francisco, April 9, 1872. M. E. Comp. James L. English, Grand High Priest. 35 Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is short, yet covering all his official acts. Of the prosperity of the Craft, he says :

" The circumstances under which we assemble at this our Annual Convocation, are certainly most propitious. Peace and prosperity prevail throughout the land, and harmony and fraternity throughout our Jurisdiction. During the past year nothing whatever has occurred to mar in the slightest degree that perfect accord which should ever exist amongst Companions ; but all seem actuated by the noble spirit of emulation as to who shall best work and best agree."

Two dispensations were issued for new Chapters.

Comp. Charles L. Wiggin presents a very full and interesting report on the transactions of thirty-two Grand Chapters, of which he says :

" It affords your committee great pleasure to report that the transactions of all the Grand Chapters reviewed by them bear evidence of continued prosperity and success ; and even from those States where so lately the desolating hand of war, with fire and sword, laid waste their tabernacles and destroyed their altars, come to us the glad tidings that peace and prosperity once more prevail. *Laus Deo.*"

Our proceedings for 1870 receive fraternal mention.

The finances of this Grand Chapter seemed to have suffered a severe loss by default of one of its Grand Officers, and yet at the close of the session the report shows some thirty-seven hundred dollars still in the treasury.

The following resolutions in regard to substitutes, was adopted by the Grand Chapter :

Resolved, That the use of substitutes shall not be permitted for purposes of rapid advancement, or for accommodation merely, but only when the Council of the Chapter, in the exercise of a sound discretion, shall be satisfied that the good of Royal Arch Masonry will be promoted thereby.

Resolved, That the use of more than one substitute at a time is prohibited, unless the dispensation of the Grand High Priest, permitting such use, be first procured ; said dispensation to be issued only for good cause shown, and upon a petition signed by a majority of the Council of the Chapter, asking such dispensation.

Statistics : 41 Chapters, 2,013 members, 223 exalted.

M. E. Comp. Jacob H. Neff, of Auburn, was elected Grand High Priest. Comp. Charles Louis Wiggin, of San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

CANADA.

The Fourteenth Annual Convocation was held at Hamilton, August 9, 1871. M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Z., R. E. Comp. T. Bird Harris, Grand Scribe E. 36 Chapters represented, with three under dispensation.

The Grand Z. informs us that the affairs of the Royal Craft "are moving on smoothly and harmoniously in this jurisdiction."

He thus alludes to the difficulty existing in Craft Masonry, in the Province of Quebec :

"I think of but one other subject which I conceive it to be my duty to allude to. Last year I had to do so. I mean the unfortunate difficulty connected with Craft Masonry in the Province of Quebec, and which, it is greatly to be lamented, has not yet been satisfactorily terminated, as all true Masons must wish and pray for. Of course you all know to what my present allusion points, and this continued discord and state of misunderstanding is exercising a baneful influence on our Order. Royal Arch Masonry is indirectly affected by it, and it is well calculated to do, and is doing, injury in many ways. That the Grand Lodge of Quebec is an accomplished fact, it would be absurd to ignore. It has been unconditionally recognized by some twenty-three Grand Lodges already, and that other Grand Bodies will pursue a like course, I entertain no doubt. This is not a question for Grand Chapters to discuss, but it is my duty to inform you that I received a very courteous and fraternal communication in my capacity of your Grand First Principal, from the M. W. Grand Master of Quebec, who is likewise a member of high standing of this Grand Chapter, notifying officially the existence of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and seeking for amicable and free intercourse, to which I replied in a similar spirit ; and these letters are, of course,

ready to be laid before you. I am quite without information from the Grand Lodge of Canada. I had given to me, from more than one quarter, clear testimony that bitter feelings were beginning to be engendered among our Royal Arch Masons, at Montreal especially, and that, greatly to their discredit, they were threatening to use, if not actually doing so, the ballot-box as an instrument of strife! This I was resolved to render nugatory if possible, so far as Capitular Masonry was concerned, and it was partly in consequence of this that I granted dispensations for the two new Chapters in that city, the respective petitions coming to me from Companions on the one part favorable, and the other hostile to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. I believe I did right, and that I am justified by the result.

"Of course, an address of this kind is not the document for the insertion of details—going before the outside world as it will do like its predecessors—and I would probably have been silent on the subject, only that as the principle of having a Grand Lodge for each Province of the Dominion has, we all know, been in a measure acknowledged and assented to, it really becomes simply a question of time as to the formation of separate Grand Chapters, and when the limit of our jurisdiction will be still more curtailed. It is the wisest course to look this contingency full in the face, and when that time does arrive, carry out the change in a truly masonic and fraternal way—giving and receiving, bearing and forbearing, making mutual concessions if needful, and avoiding heartburnings and strife, scorning wordy warfare, but wishing instead God speed and prosperity to all concerned."

The reports of the Grand Superintendents of the several districts, report that peace, harmony and brotherly love prevail in their several districts.

R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, submits an excellent report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of thirty-one Grand Chapters, ours for 1870 among the number.

In conclusion, he says :

"On a survey of the whole field, there is great cause for congratulation at the general prosperity of the Capitular branch of our ancient and honorable Fraternity. Peace and harmony are everywhere predominant, and a large measure of success is attending the efforts of our co-workers in the great cause for which we are all laboring.

"There are no doubt differences of opinion on many subjects, but these are discussed temperately, and in a fraternal manner, and the results arrived at are conceived and acted upon with but one view—to maintain the moral precepts and principles of our Order, and to promote the comfort and happiness of our fellow-man."

The Committee on the Condition of Masonry in the jurisdiction, make the following report :

"The committee have again to congratulate Grand Chapter on the prosperous condition of Capitular Masonry throughout its jurisdiction, as shown by the

different reports of the Grand Superintendents. It is gratifying to notice the entire absence of complaints and grievances throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter."

M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, of Ottawa, was re-elected Grand Z.; E. Comp. T. Bird Harris, of Hamilton, Grand Scribe E.

Statistics: 44 Chapters; 1,814 members; 352 exalted.

CONNECTICUT.

The Semi-Annual Convocation was held at New Britain, November 1, 1871; at which the work was exemplified, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Chapters within this jurisdiction be, and they are, hereby required to conform with the resolution on the subject of ritual, adopted by the M. E. General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, and that the work be promulgated by the first four officers of this Grand Chapter accordingly.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Hartford, May 7, 1872. M. E. Comp. Charles W. Stearns, Grand High Priest. 30 Chapters represented. The Grand High Priest thus speaks of the General Grand Chapter:

"When I say to you that thirty Grand Chapters were there represented, I can offer you no higher or more conclusive evidence to substantiate the fact that that body—which has so long been subjected to ridicule and abuse from those who may have misjudged it in its intents and purposes—stands to-day upon the highest pinnacle of fame; to-day it is recognized as a power, and its influence is being felt throughout the civilized world.

"In years past, this Grand Chapter has expressed some doubts as to the utility or usefulness of this great and central head of Royal Arch Masonry.

"If there be any timid ones, with hearts filled with forebodings of evil, fearful that their rights and privileges are in danger of being destroyed, let me encourage them to look up with confidence; let me assure them—as I may with safety—that the Companions who from time to time compose the General Grand Chapter are men of intelligence, discretion, and ability, strenuous in their endeavors to dispense justice to all, and anxious to see the fair fame of our institution preserved in all its purity."

The Committee on Grievances report:

"That they are pleased to find that the harmony which has prevailed among the workmen for so many years, remains unbroken, no case of grievance having come before us. Your Committee congratulate the Grand Chapter on the entire harmony prevalent in this jurisdiction."

Comp. Luke A. Lockwood submits an interesting report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, our own for 1871 included. Owing to a press of other duties, Comp. Lockwood asked leave to retire from the list of reporters.

M. E. Comp. Wm. Wallace Lee, of West Meriden, was elected Grand High Priest. Comp. J. K. Wheeler, of Hartford, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 31 Chapters; 3,850 members, 236 exalted.

DELAWARE.

The Fourth Annual Convocation was held at Dover, January 17, 1872. M. E. Comp. A. V. Lesley, Grand High Priest. The four Chapters in the jurisdiction represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, says:

"I congratulate you thus early in the new year, on this our own Masonic new year, that our number is unbroken, our harmony perfect, our working efficient. We have no loss to mourn, no division of sentiment to regret, and we meet, I trust, with purposes full of zeal for the advancement of the Order, the good and healthy growth of which should be our chief care and delight, as it is our duty."

Of the General Grand Chapter, he says:

"Independent, yet bound together; distinct and unfettered in action, yet in close communication and sympathy; not so much ruled over, as placed in accord, the various Grand Chapters find in the General Grand body their central meeting-point, and feel its influence as an incentive to a noble emulation. That influence felt by each, and appreciated, will tend to increase our numbers in better material, lead each to be more careful in selection, more diligent in work and workmanship."

Comp. D. C. Goodwin presents a well written report on Correspondence, in which he carefully reviews the transactions of twenty-five Grand Chapters, among which Illinois, for some cause, does not appear.

M. E. Comp. John R. McFee, of Georgetown, was elected Grand High Priest. Comp. John P. Allmond, of Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 4 Chapters; 783 members; 55 exalted.

IOWA.

The Seventeenth Annual Convocation was held at Council Bluffs, October 18, 1871.

M. E. Comp. D. Baugh, as Grand High Priest. Forty Subordinate Chapters represented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. Z. C. Luse, being unable to be present, owing to a broken limb, which confined him to his room, forwarded his address, which was read by the Grand Secretary. He says:

"In the kind providence of God, we are again brought to another mile-post in our masonic pilgrimage. To few of us has the past year been one of unalloyed pleasure; to many its pathway has been indeed checkered with good and ill—to some the dark spots have seemed at times to cover almost the whole, while occasionally the sunlight breaking through the clouds has brightened them until

even the saddest have seemed almost to smile. To me, they have come as to others, some bright and some dark, and now from the stillness of my room, where for almost four months I have been confined, and where I am now lying with a broken limb, I send you these few words of greeting, praying your indulgence for my absence and the imperfection which must mark this communication. That I have escaped with my life is to me a source of profound satisfaction and thankfulness to Heaven, though my regret is deep that I cannot be with you."

Of the prosperity of the Craft, he says:

"During the past year the Chapters have enjoyed at least an average degree of prosperity. Many of them have done considerable work, and I hope have done it well. The ritual in Iowa is well worked; let us hope that the virtues it teaches will be cultivated with like assiduity."

The Grand High Priest notices in appropriate language the death of Comp. Charles S. Rollins, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, and thinks, since the General Grand Chapter allows the use of substitutes, it would be well for the Grand Chapter to re-consider their resolution of prohibition.

Charters were granted for five new Chapters.

M. E. Comp. P. C. Wright offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, as a general regulation, That no Companion shall be elected to the office of Grand High Priest or Grand Treasurer for more than one successive term.

Comp. W. D. Taylor presents an interesting report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of thirty-eight Grand Chapters, ours for 1870 included.

Comp. Taylor says in the conclusion of his valuable report:

"Has our report appeared flat, stale and unprofitable? Remember, oh my Companion, it is hard to be brilliant in days when strong men bow themselves; when there is no pleasure in them; when the silver cord is nearly loosened, and those that look out of the windows be nearly darkened forever."

M. E. Comp. E. A. Guilbert, of Dubuque, was elected Grand High Priest. E. Comp. W. B. Langridge, of Muscatine, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 65 Chapters; 2,772 members; 383 exalted.

INDIANA.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at Logansport, October 18 and 19, 1871. M. E. Comp. Rees J. Chesnutwood, Grand High Priest. Sixty-six Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, says:

"Our past Masonic year has been one of unusual harmony and prosperity. No discordant sounds have been heard, and with but very few exceptions have I been

called upon to decide constitutional questions. And even when thus called upon, I have found that the printed Rules for the government of Subordinate Chapters are so perfect and complete, that every question asked could have been answered by the Companions in their own Chapters, by simply referring to these Rules."

Of the General Grand Chapter, he says :

"We had a pleasant and harmonious Convocation, and I doubt not that it was a profitable meeting to all who had the pleasure of participating in it."

The Grand High Priest, who is also Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, says :

"I have read with pleasure and satisfaction the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Chapters, this being all the Grand Chapters with whom we are in correspondence, I believe, except New Hampshire, Vermont and Texas, which, for some cause, have failed to forward their proceedings. Many of the above Grand Chapters speak in flattering terms of this Grand Body, but it is not expected, in the time allotted me, that I review their acts. This would occupy more time and space than I have at present, even had I the ability to do the subject justice. They all with one accord agree that Capitular Masonry in their several jurisdictions is on the increase, as it must, and will be, wherever true light and information is dispensed."

He thus sounds a note of alarm :

"Companions, we are living in a time when it may be well to sound a note of alarm. The calm which we are now experiencing may be but the precursor to the storm, for it is a well known fact that there are at present in our land, men, occupying positions of social and moral importance, who are trying to sap the foundations of our great moral edifice. From this, I apprehend, we have but little to fear. Our only cause for alarm is within ourselves. A growing desire is manifest in our Chapters to increase their number, without (I fear, in some instances,) a proper regard to the quality of the material used. Permit me, then, to urge upon all Subordinates the importance of guarding well the portals of the sanctuary, and suffer none to enter but the worthy. Our strength does not consist in the quantity, but the quality of the material."

M. E. Comp. Rees J. Chesnutwood, of South Bend, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. John M. Bramwell, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 85 Chapters ; 3,757 members ; 425 exalted.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Fifth Annual Report contains the Proceedings of the Special Semi-Annual and the Annual Convocation of November 14, 1871. At the Special Convocation of May 9, this resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That every Chapter in this jurisdiction is prohibited from publishing in any public newspaper the work to be done at any stated or special Convocation,

and any Companion who shall cause the publication of the same shall be subjected to Masonic discipline.

At the Annual Convocation of November 14, the Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. J. Leckie, in his address, says :

"I am happy to report the past year as one of uninterrupted harmony and prosperity throughout this jurisdiction, and although much work has been done in the several Chapters, so far as I am able to judge, it has been good work, true work, and square work, just such work as this Grand Chapter may be proud to approve."

Comp. John Edwin Mason presents the report on Correspondence (*sui generis*), in which he reviews the transactions of thirty-seven Grand Chapters. Comp. Mason retires from the field of Masonic reporters, and this is his valedictory :

"Ever since the organization of this Grand Chapter in 1867, the subscriber has written every word of the reports each year on Foreign Correspondence.

"In writing them he has endeavored to be but the exponent of the Grand Chapter on all questions upon which the Grand Body has taken action, and to carefully refrain from referring to other subjects. Rarely has any opinion been expressed on any subject except where this Grand Chapter had *first* taken action, even though friends abroad asked it. This we have always conceived to be the duty of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

"In battling for the right, against fearful odds, in the dark days when our Grand Chapter was pronounced to be clandestine by the General Grand High Priest of the United States, and refused recognition by a few Grand Chapters, it was decided to give hard words and hard blows wherever we *first* received them. Like the old man in the fable, we threw grass first, and then stones. Looking back over this policy of past years, we would not change it, were we to fight our battles over again.

"And now that our battle is ended and the victory won, and this Grand Chapter in fraternal correspondence with a larger number of Grand Chapters than *any other on the globe*, we believe it the proper time for us to make our valedictory bow and retire from this field of hard labor. This we have contemplated doing for a long time. We have entered into more extensive fields of literary labor, and can find no time to prepare these reports. All our leisure hours are now employed in literary labor, outside of Freemasonry. But within the mystic circle, the literary labor staring us in the face is not light.

"Under the directions of our Grand Chapter we are now preparing and compiling the Masonic and poetical works of our late beloved Grand High Priest, B. B. French.

"We hope to make this one of the most valuable contributions to Masonic literature ever published.

"We are also compiling the entire works of our early instructor and mentor in Freemasonry, Jeremy L. Cross.

"Beside these works, the promise of stated contributions to several Masonic

periodicals will consume all the time we can snatch from other literary labor, to devote to Freemasonry.

"And now to our Companions of the quill abroad, we bid an affectionate farewell — perhaps forever. We have rowed our boat down the river of life in your company, and you have seen the dip of our oar, and felt the strength of our muscle. Over dangerous rapids and laughing cataracts we have pulled along together. The merry song has been mixed with the stentorian cry of the oarsman. If you separate the song from the muscular stroke, you destroy half of the beauty and joy our journey together has afforded.

"To those who have abused our Grand Chapter, and abused the writer for defending it when assailed, we have not one word to utter. We leave their conduct to their consciences and their God. The world is large enough for us all to live in it and never greet each other.

"But leaving this insignificant number, and passing to the great bulk of Masons who are the friends of our Grand Chapter, and have been from its birth, we have a parting word. We have shared alike your generosity and your Masonic charity. You have put us under so many obligations, that words are but poor things with which to convey to you the feelings of our sincere hearts.

"The kind words you have uttered are treasured *immortelles*. Like 'apples of gold in pictures of silver,' they shall ever be kept bright.

"Kind words can never die,
Cherished and blest ;
God knows how deep they lie
Stored in the breast !
Like Childhood's simple rhymes,
Said o'er a thousand times,
And in all years and climes,
Distant and near."

"For these kind words, not only to our Grand Chapter, but so often expressed in the undeserved compliments upon the reports of the writer, we bow our sincere and grateful thanks. The many eulogistic notices of the works of our pen, from those similarly engaged, we have attributed to their kindness of heart, and not to any intrinsic merit in our reports."

M. E. Comp. J. Daniels was elected Grand High Priest. Comp. C. W. Hancock, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 7 Chapters ; 910 members ; 150 exalted.

KANSAS.

The Seventh Annual Convocation was held at Topeka, October 17, 1871. M. E. Comp. E. D. Hillyer as Grand High Priest. Fourteen Chapters represented.

From the address of the Grand High Priest, who was unavoidably detained from being present, we learn of the prosperity of the Royal Craft in this young and flourishing Jurisdiction :

"To our own Grand Jurisdiction the past year brought nothing of special interest ; ordinary prosperity has followed our Masonic labors, and we have been

exempt from those three great scourges of the human family — war, pestilence and famine. Although we have not had the visible presence of the GREAT I AM with us, as He manifested Himself to the Israelites when the Shekinah rested above the mercy-seat, yet we have no less doubt that He has been with us, watched over and protected us; although we have not heard His voice as did the Priests in the Ancient Temple within the most holy place, when the Bathkol, from between the Cherubims, announced the Divine pleasure, yet we have heard that unfailing mentor which speaks so plainly to our consciences, and informs us of His will, and thereby have we been directed to perform the obligations enjoined on us to keep inviolably the mysteries unfolded to us, and invariably to practice all those duties demanded of us."

The Grand High Priest visited all but two of the Chapters during the year, and reports "that he found everything so generally well conducted, that he had no criticisms to offer."

We find the following decision of the question :

"To what extent can a man go in infidelity and still be a good Royal Arch Mason — that is, to what extent may he disbelieve the Bible?

"The Bible is the Great Light in Masonry. Every man is responsible, to a greater or less extent, according as his means of knowledge have been greater or less. No one who has had the Bible placed in his hands, and been taught to read it, can be a good man and disbelieve its teachings. And no one can be a good Royal Arch Mason who is not a good man. Therefore, I answer, that no one who does not believe in the writings of Moses and the Prophets, as contained in the Old Testament, if he has been educated in a civilized or enlightened country, can be a good Royal Arch Mason, for Royal Arch Masonry is founded thereon."

Comp. E. T. Carr presents an interesting report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of thirty Grand Chapters. Illinois for 1870 is fraternally mentioned.

M. E. Comp. E. D. Hillyer, of Atchison, was elected Grand High Priest. Comp. E. T. Carr, of Leavenworth, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 20 Chapters ; 650 members ; 66 exalted.

KENTUCKY.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at Louisville, October 16, 1871. M. E. Comp. Henry Bostwick, Grand High Priest. Seventy-nine Chapters represented.

Serious illness, which resulted in death, prevented the attendance of the Grand Secretary, Comp. Philip Swigert.

The Grand High Priest says in his address, which is a *resume* of his official acts :

"During the year, since last we met, nothing has come to my knowledge, to disturb the peace and harmony of the Chapters within our Jurisdiction."

Dispensations for six new Chapters issued.

The Grand High Priest notices appropriately the decease, during the year, of the First Grand Secretary, and two Past Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter.

Comp. H. A. M. Henderson presents an excellent report on Correspondence, in which he kindly reviews the transactions of thirty-one Grand Chapters, our own for 1870 included.

Comp. Henderson thus speaks of the language of Masonry :

"As every Masonic idea has its own proper sign that expresses it better than any other can, we should seek to preserve uniformity of language as well as spirit. We are to teach Masonry as we received it, and not as we have forgotten and substituted some words of our own. An interpolated word here and there, by one and another lecturer, would, in the course of time, entirely destroy the original text of Masonic instruction.

"Masonry is one of the agencies to preserve the purity of the English tongue, and the moment we begin to admit words of modern coinage, or of philological construction from foreign tongues, that moment we weigh anchor and set sail on uncertain seas, where a maelstrom may wait to engulf us.

"The normal language of Masonry is simple, and pure men of correct tastes will admire the sublime simplicity of our ritual much more than when clothed in the metreticulous rhetoric of every lecturer who thinks he can beautify it by his own expurgations and substitutions. No license to change should be allowed any one, or we will be at last confounded in a Babel of tongues. We heard of an artist who once took a pure white lily and sought to improve it by penciling on its petals the parti-colored fancies he had mixed on his pallet. He committed floral sacrilege, and violated the first principles of art, which is strict conformity to nature. Paint is good in its place, but not to *improve* flowers. 'Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these.' Moral truths are grandest when clothed in severe attire. The adornments of art cannot add to the charms of truth. Let us continue Masonry in that uncorrupted form in which our fathers taught it—free from the garish decorations of the modern drama, and the high-sounding periods of bombastic oratory and poetry. We want no Johnsonianism in Masonry, and naught of the spectacular style."

M. E. Comp. J. P. Rascoe, of Princeton, was elected Grand High Priest. Comp. Philip Swigert, of Frankfort, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 102 Chapters ; 3,469 members ; 357 exalted.

LOUISIANA.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation was held in New Orleans, February 13, 1872. M. E. Comp. Michel E. Girard, Grand High Priest. Six Chartered and three Chapters under dispensation represented.

The Grand High Priest in his address says :

"I feel happy to be able to report to you, that we have cause to rejoice at the continued prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry throughout our Jurisdiction ; no

discordant sounds are heard, no grievances reported, and your Committee on Appeals and Grievances have nothing to act upon ; the utmost good-will pervades every part of our Tabernacle, and we would be remiss in our duty should we fail to return thanks to the Great Giver of all good gifts and graces for the peace and harmony which gladden our heart."

Three dispensations for new Chapters issued.

The Grand High Priest thus discusses upon the subject of non-affiliation :

" Whilst we have legislated against non-affiliation and endeavored to recall in to membership those who were out, we should have directed our efforts to retain those who are members by not allowing any Companion to lose his membership in his Chapter until he has been accepted a member in another. By enacting a By-Law that a dimit will not have the effect of dissolving membership until the dimitted Companion has been accepted a member of some other Chapter, or that one dimitted, who has not applied for membership in some regular Chapter for twelve months, should be considered as suspended, and reported as such, non-affiliation would be stopped at once ; and it is only by arresting the evil that we may hope to ever see the last of Craftsmen lounging about without asking or receiving wages. It were much better for the Craft that those who have failed to appreciate the sublimity of the teachings of our Order, and have become desirous of being relieved of the noble duties of a Mason, should be also deprived of the rights of one. They should be cut off as dead branches and stand as suspended, and thus deprived of all rights, even Masonic communication. Without some penalty affixed to continued non-affiliation, it must increase and become a sore evil, not to be easily cured."

The report on Correspondence is again presented by Comp. Joseph P. Horner, in which he ably reviews the transactions of thirty-five Grand Bodies. Illinois for 1870 receives fraternal attention. In conclusion he says :

" Time has rolled by another year, and as we have reviewed the doings of our sister Grand Chapters, and communed in spirit with so many of our illustrious Companions and dearest friends, we rise from our labors, peculiarly arduous as they have been on this report, refreshed and recompensed in full by the literary feast at which we have been, we hope, a welcome guest. Looking backwards with great dissatisfaction at what we have accomplished, and glancing into futurity to see labors which may again come upon us at an unpropitious time, we feel inclined to retire from the contest, and let fresher hands and broader shoulders assume the burden ; but we have been unable to say 'good-bye ;' we cannot make up our mind to bid farewell to the Companionship of so many whose friendly criticisms and encouraging encomiums have become almost necessary to us, so we shall continue in the harness, and endeavor to improve.

" The meeting of the General Grand Chapter at Baltimore was so harmonious, and so many important questions were there set at rest for ever, that our report is necessarily more brief than usual, and very probably less interesting. The

amendment making Past Grand High Priests permanent members, and the selection of the present General Grand Officers, has, we think, given the National Body a new lease of existence, the end thereof is beyond our ken; under the present administration we fear no usurpations of authority, and believe that the Constitution, which prohibits all such, and gives no powers, will be maintained. If it should again occur, however, that some one in position should imagine himself vested with extraordinary prerogatives, and attempt their exercise, or if the General Grand Chapter itself should make another District of Columbia mistake, we will be ever found with, we believe, a large majority of the best and wisest of our Companions, not only opposing such usurpations, but seeking the total abolition of the corporation in whose name they are sought to be exercised."

M. E. Comp. M. E. Girard, of Vermilionville, was re-elected Grand High Priest; Comp. James C. Batchelor, M.D., Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 29 Chapters; 1,576 members; 118 exalted.

MAINE.

The Annual Convocation was held at Portland, May 7, 1872. M. E. Comp. Stephen J. Young, Grand High Priest. Thirty-four Chapters represented. The address of the Grand High Priest is devoted principally to his official acts. He notices appropriately the death of Past Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. A. B. Thompson, of whom he says:

"His love for the Order ended only with his life. Until the day of his death he held a responsible office in his Chapter, and punctiliously performed the duties incumbent upon him."

The several Grand Officers submitted their reports, which were satisfactory, as to the general prosperity of the Royal Craft in Maine.

The Grand Secretary in his report says:

"When I was first elected Secretary there were eight Chapters in the Jurisdiction. During the eighteen years that have elapsed since, they have increased to thirty-five in number."

Comp. Josiah H. Drummond presented an unusually interesting report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of thirty-eight Grand Chapters. He says:

"The unexpected action of the General Grand Chapter, at Baltimore, in relation to the Chairman of your Committee, made it a question with him whether he could with propriety perform the duties devolved upon him at your last annual Convocation. But as he undertook to perform those duties before he was called to official position at Baltimore, he has concluded to prepare *this* report, as usual. But let it be understood, that the views herein expressed are the *personal* views of the Chairman of your Committee, and not the *official* views of

the General Grand High Priest. With this understanding he proposes to discuss questions as freely as if he sustained no official relations to the Royal Craft."

In his review of Alabama he gives a lengthy history of the origin and growth of the General Grand Chapter, clearly proving its paternity.

M. E. Comp. John W. Ballou, of Bath, was elected Grand High Priest ; Comp. Ira Berry, of Portland, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 35 Chapters, 3,319 members ; 278 exalted.

MARYLAND.

The Annual Convocation was held at Baltimore, November 13, 1871. Charles H. Ohr, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding. Seven Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest in his short but interesting address thus alludes to himself and his official acts, and requests permission to retire from the office he has held for several years.

"During the past year my official acts have been few and unimportant, and but two will require your action. My infirmity precludes me from visiting the different Chapters and sections of the State, and extending the Royal Craft and encouraging the prosperity of the already existing Chapters by my personal presence and exertions. This fact impresses me with the conviction that it is my duty respectfully but firmly to decline longer holding the important position of Grand High Priest thrice conferred on me by your too great kindness and partiality. Another and not less important reason : it may be said that the Grand Chapter of Maryland has not of her own an available Past Grand High Priest to install his successor if the present communication passes without a change in the person of this officer. I deem it my duty therefore to urge upon you the expediency and necessity of making a change in your High Priesthood by the election of my successor."

Dispensations for two new Chapters were issued, to which Charters were granted.

The Grand High Priest thus speaks of the prosperity of the Royal Craft :

"During the past year peace has prevailed in our borders and prosperity within our walls ; no sound of discord has arisen, and our Chapters have with zeal and fidelity been successfully engaged in building up the walls of our sacred Temple ; the Ashlers which have been added to its walls have passed the inspection of the overseers, and been received as good and true. Peace, harmony and prosperity prevail within our borders, and let us with grateful hearts to Him whose omnific fiat brought light out of darkness, steadily persevere in the practice of every commendable virtue."

Comp. Hermon L. Emmons presents the report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of thirty-five Grand Chapters, Illinois for 1870 receiving attention.

M. E. Comp. George L. McCahan, of Baltimore, was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Wm. A. Wentz, of Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 11 Chapters; 1,100 members; 188 exalted.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The printed proceedings contain the several Special, Quarterly, Semi-annual and the Annual Convocation, held at Boston, December 12, 1871. M. E. Comp. Chickering, Grand High Priest. Forty-six Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest in his address says:

"Though I have been able to visit personally but little more than two-thirds of the Chapters in the State during the past year, yet I can say, from personal observation and conf  rence or correspondence with Officers and Companions, that all of the Chapters are in a healthy, and very nearly all in a growing and flourishing condition; while I think, also, I can truthfully say, what is at least of equal importance, that there has been no such undue haste to increase in numbers, as to lead to carelessness or indifference as to the character of candidates; but in most cases at least, there has been a careful and discriminating investigation, and a demand for *positive* qualifications as a recommendation and prerequisite to obtaining our degrees."

With regard to the improvement in the work and ritual, he says:

"I took occasion, in my address to you one year ago, to speak at some length of the importance of a thorough and intelligent study of the meaning, symbolism, and beauties of the sublime degrees of the Chapter, a correct practice of the ceremonies, and an impressive rendering of the ritual. I am happy to say that this is receiving more and more attention in all parts of the Jurisdiction. A great improvement has taken place in the manner of doing the work within a few years, and Capitular Masonry is beginning to assume more and more the importance which properly belongs to it, and to command more of the attention of the thoughtful and intelligent among the Fraternity. It will well bear all the research and investigation we can give it, and I am sure no one will regret the time given to an intelligent study of it, but will be amply repaid by the unfolding of the hidden treasures found in its beautiful lessons and symbolisms."

Dispensations had been issued for four new Chapters, which had been Chartered and Constituted during the year which gave rise to the several special Convocations.

He thus speaks of the meeting of the General Grand Chapter:

"While we would not for a moment detract from the proud honor won by our Companions by this more than liberal hospitality, it is a serious question whether this desire of the Fraternity in each place of meeting to excel in the hospitality that of the preceding place, and the time given to public parades, entertainments,

banquets, etc., is not becoming altogether too expensive, and interfering too much with the legitimate business of the Bodies. The feeling that this is so doubtless contributed to the final conclusion that it was better that the meetings of the General Grand Chapter should hereafter be held at a different time and place from those of the Grand Encampment, and it was decided to hold the next triennial of the former at Nashville, Tenn."

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, officially recognized at a special Convocation held December 27, 1871, the Grand Officers were regularly installed. Comp. John W. Dadmun presents an able report on Correspondence, in which he reviews the transactions of thirty-five Grand Chapters, among them Illinois for 1870.

He thus starts upon his task :

"With this extensive territory before us, we will start off on our annual pleasure excursion, not, to be sure, among the ruins of ancient cities in search of hid treasures, but among the delectable mountains, and elysian fields of Masonic literature. We shall not go in the express train, for one cannot see or enjoy much riding so fast, but we shall take our own private conveyance and look about us as we go, shaking hands with every good fellow we meet with, and if any should show their pugnacious proclivities, we will give them a little good advice and ride on."

M. E. Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, of Boston, was elected Grand High Priest ; Comp. Z. H. Thomas, Jr., of Boston, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 57 Chapters ; 6,853 members ; 837 exalted.

MICHIGAN.

The Twenty-third Annual Convocation was held at Detroit, January 3, 4 and 5, 1872. M. E. Comp. Hugh McCurdy, Grand High Priest. Seventy-seven Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest thus beautifully opens a long and interesting address :

"Into your hands, Companion legislators, is intrusted the continued welfare of our Order. We have built a gorgeous Temple whose foundation, if well guarded, must endure until "the last syllable of recorded time." Upon its golden altars let the ruder and darker shades of humanity be mellowed into light, and around the pillars which sustain the edifice let there be engraved, in letters of living fire—'This our mission, and this our work—to refine society and cultivate man's moral power—to strengthen our faith in the great law of compensation, giving divinity to hope and eternity to time!' For these splendid results, which the instrumentality of man has brought about, and upon which we may look with such admiring affection, it becomes us always to lay the tribute of our fervent gratitude at the foot of that throne, whose Almighty occupant has nourished our weakness into strength, and rendered harmless the darts of detrac-

tion; and let us, with these thank-offerings, send up earnest petitions to our good Father, gushing warm from the heart, that His protecting arm may never be withdrawn, but that in His all-wise counsels it may be ordained that our beloved Order shall still advance in its hallowed mission of Faith, Hope and Charity."

Dispensations issued for six new Chapters during the year.
He thus speaks of the advancement of the Royal Art :

"Thus I have recited in brief the gradual advancement and increasing strength of that benign influence which, under the fostering care of our Royal Art, is being felt and acknowledged in every section of our State—introducing strangers among the workmen to aid and assist in rebuilding the house of the Lord. And so in every part of the civilized globe our ancient Institution is keeping rapid step with the advancing prosperity and intelligence of the age in which we live. In its noble career of beneficence, its gentle blessings continue to disarm prejudice and silence slander—crushing sectarian bigotry in its mighty tread and firmly establishing a proud claim to pre-eminence among those whose agency it is to soften the asperities of life and lead hope to brighter gleams of eternal sunshine. From this proud eminence upon which our Institution now stands, we can witness the development of its work and the practical fruits of its mission. Harmony and brotherly love prevail throughout its borders, and not a zephyr disturbs the surface of its moral field. The truth of its principles, the beauty of its work, and the eminently practical nature of its operations, taking the victorious past as our guarantee, will in the long future continue to wed to its fraternal ranks the wise and good of all conditions in the family of man."

The Grand High Priest having stated, in detail, the initiatory and successive steps taken in the organization of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, closes his address as follows :

"Masonry had, not many years previous to these events, encountered enemies. Malignant spirit, unholy ambition, dogged pertinacity, political, social and religious persecutions, and blind jealousy, in combined wrath, never more sharply assailed any human institution. For the time, Masonry recoiled before the blast. Her altars were shamefully abandoned, and her members were scattered. But there were found a choice few who never bowed the knee to Baal. The precious seed, incapable of annihilation, took deeper root in the inner shrine of the human heart, and Masonry emerged into new life. The fancies of the poets—the phoenix arising from its ashes; Venus springing into being from the foam of the sea in entrancing beauty; Minerva, born fully developed from the brain of Jupiter; these were no longer mere beautiful fancies. Masonry was the realization of them all. Is the lion courageous? Is the ox strong? Is man (emblematically) wise? Does the eagle in his sublime flight gaze firmly into the unclouded sun? Masonry combines courage, strength and wisdom; and ever in her progress looks serenely upward. Masonry has over 500,000 members in the

United States. Of these, one hundred thousand are of the Royal Craft, and over six thousand, represented by eighty-three Chapters, are of the Jurisdiction of the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan.

"But let not these things make us boastful. Let them rather render us doubly mindful of our duties, and doubly zealous to perform them. Act prudently in guarding the portals. Act humbly to be truly exalted. Act promptly in relieving the destitute. Act ever in reverence towards the Book of the Law, and faithfully in keeping its precepts. These things will make us not unworthy successors of those ancient worthies who aided in rebuilding the destroyed Temple—nor unworthy to aid in transmitting their virtues to our posterity."

Comp. J. Eastman Johnson, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence and the Grand Secretary, presents a most interesting report, occupying one hundred and fourteen pages of the proceedings, in which he reviews the transactions of thirty-six Grand Chapters, our own for 1870 among the number. Comp. Johnson still opposes the Grand Representation System as follows:

"Although we have heretofore spoken on this subject, we desire to make some further reference to it. It is occupying still more of the attention of the State Grand Chapters. Its supposed effect—a more intimate union of the several Grand Chapters—none can more cordially approve than ourselves; but we have given several reasons for our belief in its efficacy in that respect.

"We beg to add a further objection to the system. *It is partial in its operation*, and tends to create a distinction in our regards toward sister Grand Chapters, who have equal claims upon our kindest sensibilities. To deprive this position of its force, the system *must become universal*, and every State Grand Chapter *must* have a representative in every other. If this is done, the system becomes cumbrous, overloaded and ineffective.

"The practice of the appointment by one Grand Chapter, or by its High Priest, of the High Priest or other officer of another, as the representative of the former to the latter Grand Chapter, can give no new information to either, and the appointment can be only complimentary. If it be more than this—if a matter of serious difference should arise between the two Grand Chapters, the position of the High Priest representative is one presenting a conflict of duties. If it be said he is the very person to do away such difference, the reply is that he is no more so than should be every member of his Grand Chapter.

"If *any* Representative System among our State Grand Chapters *must* be indulged in, let it be a *real* one. Let the Grand Chapters severally send out *one or more of their own members*, as an embassy to the other Grand Chapters. We would, in such case, entertain those sent us as we would entertain the son of an Emperor, and have a general good time."

Immediately following the Report on Correspondence we find the following:

"Comp. J. Eastman Johnson submitted credentials as Representative of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, near the Grand Chapter of Michigan..

He was duly accredited as such, and his letter of credence ordered to be placed on file."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported the following resolution :

Resolved, That whenever a candidate shall have been duly elected to take the Chapter Degrees, and shall have received either the degree of Mark Master, Past Master or Most Excellent Master, if objection be made by a Companion to his further advancement, it shall be the duty of the High Priest to require the objector to file charges and specifications against the brother, and in case he neglects or refuses to do so, the High Priest may proceed to confer the remaining degrees upon the candidate.

The Grand Chapter of Michigan, we fear, will have use hereafter for a Committee on Grievances, with this resolution in the record.

M. E. Comp. Leonard H. Randall, of Grand Rapids, was elected Grand High Priest ; Comp. J. Eastman Johnson, of Centerville, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 75 Chapters ; 5,560 members ; 504 exalted.

MINNESOTA.

The Eleventh Annual Conclave was held at St. Paul, January 9, 1872. M. E. Comp. Y. W. Merrill, Grand High Priest. Sixteen Chapters represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is short and local. Of the prosperity of the Royal Craft he says :

" I have but very little of official action to report to you. The Chapters of this Jurisdiction are in general enjoying a fair degree of prosperity, and no case of discord has come to my knowledge. The principles of the Royal Art are exerting their beneficent influence, and the mission of Freemasonry, to harmonize the differences and ameliorate the asperities of life, is not forgotten.

Dispensations issued for two new Chapters. He thus speaks of the estimation in which the Capitular Degrees seem to be held in his Jurisdiction, and in the discussion utters truths which it would be well for us all to remember :

" My observation, during the past few years, convinces me that Royal Arch Masonry in this State does not occupy that position of prominence which it holds in many other States, nor that to which it is entitled by its merits. The Capitular Degrees are lightly esteemed by many — are said to be modern in their origin, and the system crude in its construction. I have been pained at hearing remarks in derogation of the usefulness of these degrees, and declaring their claims to antiquity to be a fraud upon the Craft ; and we have known of cases where these degrees have been used and valued chiefly as a sort of ladder to reach something higher, and supposed to be better, and, consequently, when that end has been reached, but little interest has been manifested in this branch of Masonry.

"Why should such be the case? Are these degrees — or, in fact, any other Masonic degrees — valuable chiefly for their *antiquity*, or for the *moral lessons* which they inculcate, and the incentives which they offer to us, to contend earnestly for that which is Just, Right and True?

"Do they commend themselves to us, chiefly, as being links in a chain to join us with the past ages of the world, and as a means to trace our genealogy to the old builders of those splendid monuments of antiquity which have for ages past, and which will for all time to come, excite the admiration of the world, or, rather, as a brotherhood of living, busy men, pledged to live virtuously, bound to aid, support and protect each other, in certain conditions, and each needing the encouragement and help, in the struggles of life, which such a Fraternity might afford?

"And where, in Masonry, are more important lessons inculcated for the practical duties of life, than in the Capitular Degrees? I know not how anyone who has been 'marked' — technically — can ever forget or lightly esteem the moral precepts or the practical lessons so beautifully taught in the ritual of that degree; nor how any intelligent and thoughtful Brother who has seen the capstone deposited with shouting and praise, can fail to see the significance of that beautiful ceremony — that it is typical of the last act in the drama of his own life — which, if it has been built upon the sure foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, will, in its last scene, be celebrated by actors unseen by mortal eyes, shouting 'Grace! Grace unto it!' Nor do I know how one who has been exalted in due form can fail to realize that there has been, in reality, an exaltation — that he stands on a higher level, has received new light, and thenceforth his Masonic labors are to be directed to the building of his spiritual house, which is to abide eternally — upon the foundation stones of which, and upon its pillars and door-posts and cap-stones, is to be inscribed 'Holiness to the Lord.'

"It is not uncommon, of late, for Masonic writers and reviewers to speak and write disparagingly of the labors of those Companions who were prominent in the Order at the commencement of the present century, and who are known as the fathers of the American system of Capitular Masonry. They are accused of manufacturing the degrees, or of stealing and revamping certain degrees, and forming them into the system that we now work. If this charge be true — and probably none will dispute it at the present day — are they alone, of all the degree-makers of the last century, worthy of censure? Was it more culpable to manufacture Masonry in 1797 or '98 than during the years from 1740 to 1760? Or, was it more blameworthy to remodel modern degrees in 1798 than to manipulate really ancient degrees in 1718?

"I believe it to be a great misfortune to Masonry that there are so many degrees in existence; but it is evident to me that the system that this Grand Chapter is to preserve and perpetuate is as legitimate as any other, excepting, of course, Ancient Craft Masonry. It should be judged by its merits; and while I would not stifle inquiry, nor fear to bring to the light everything that lies about or has been wrought into the foundation or superstructure of our Temple of Royal Arch Masonry, I believe too much prominence has been given

by many to the question of *Antiquity*. One might judge from the talk of some good brethren that it were more useful and honorable to be a dried and shrunken mummy encased in the casements in which it was wrapped 3,000 years ago, and set up against the wall in some museum for the public to gaze at in wonder and awe, than to be a living soul, alive to all the great interests that concern humanity, and susceptible, itself, of endless improvement and conscious of its responsibilities, and ever ready to

“ ‘Act ! act, in the living present,
A heart within and God o’erhead.’ ”

“So much said and written in disparagement of Capitular Masonry cannot fail to disaffect the hearts of Companions, producing distrust and lukewarmness.”

Owing to the failure of the Chairman of the Committee to respond, no report appears with the proceedings.

M. E. Comp. J. H. McKenny, of Chatfield, was elected Grand High Priest ; E. Comp. William S. Combs, of St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 21 Chapters ; membership not reported ; 104 exalted.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Holly Springs, January 18, 1872. M. E. Comp. Charles T. Bond, Grand High Priest. Fifty-six Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, says :

“ It is meet we should rejoice and be glad of heart, in the journey of life which, to some of us, has by no means been a short one. We have had vicissitudes of cloud and sunshine ; yet goodness and mercy have followed us hitherto — let us, then, hope on, hope ever, each trusting in Him who will never forsake what is committed to His care, till the sun of this life shall set to rise in the eternal morning of the better life to come.

“ While rejoicing in our own prosperity, and thankful for the blessings bestowed upon us and comforts surrounding us, we should not — we must not — forget the terrible calamities which have fallen upon our Companions in other Grand Jurisdictions. But a few days since, where stood stately buildings and proud Masonic temples, and prosperity was enjoyed, now desolation marks many of those places, and the busy marts of trade and commerce are swept away, and blackened ruins remain only to show the uncertainty of wealth. We must not forget the duty of the hour : the homeless must be sheltered ; the hungry fed ; the naked clothed ; the widow and the orphan must be provided for.”

He also makes the following announcement :

“ I cannot allow the occasion to pass without announcing the gratifying fact of marked improvement in one of the cardinal virtues of our Order — temperance. The united efforts of good and true Companions can and will do much

to effect reform in all grades of society, and I sincerely hope that it may ere long be truthfully said that no man who has bowed at the altar of Freemasonry worships at the shrine of Bacchus."

He gives the following advice :

"Let us see that all candidates for our Institution are in character and standing what a man should be. We should be very careful to admit none among us but those who will fully appreciate the sublime teachings and principles of the institution. Merit and qualification should be the only test. Better that we have a small, united, true band of faithful Companions, disposed to study Masonry and carry into practice its lessons of philanthropy, than to have a large number ignorant of its work or lectures, or indifferent to its teachings. Let us sacredly guard the important trust committed for a brief period to our charge ; and when our labors in these earthly Chapters are over — as they soon will be, with many of us — may it be found that our work has been such as to meet the approval of the Supreme High Priest above."

He appropriately announces the death of Past Grand High Priest G. M. Hillyer, distinguished as a writer and orator.

He takes of the visit to Baltimore, to attend the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter :

"The recollection of the visit to Baltimore will ever remain fresh and find a green spot in the memory of every Mississippian present, and doubt not it will be so with all others."

From the report of the Grand Secretary we learn that the financial condition of the Grand Chapter was embarrassing—in debt, and the expenses each year exceeding the receipts—so that retrenchment was found necessary. Owing to lack of funds in the treasury, the report on Correspondence was not published with the proceedings, and the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That, in future, the Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence be advised and requested to condense the matter annually presented by them in the smallest practicable space—omitting all local references, as much of the routine business of the Grand Chapters as possible, and reporting only such matters and questions which are calculated to excite general interest and demands on Grand Chapter for action or concurrence.

M. E. Comp. H. C. Robinson, of Meridian, was elected Grand High Priest..
Comp. J. L. Power, of Jackson, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 80 Chapters ; 2,663 members ; 186 exalted.

MISSOURI.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at St. Louis, October 5th, 1871. M. E. Comp. Joseph M. Fox, Grand High Priest. Forty-seven Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, says :

"My time during the past year has been so completely occupied in the conduct of my private business that I have been able to visit but few of the many Chapters in this Jurisdiction.

"I have found time, however, and it has afforded me no little pleasure, to visit several Chapters, and witness the conferring of the Capitular Degrees, and I here make record of the fact that in nearly every instance the beautiful and imposing ceremonies of the degrees were conducted in a becoming spirit, and the work performed in a manner alike creditable to the Chapter and to the Lecturer who had given the ritualistic lessons. In some localities a little more vitality and energy, and a more prompt and full attendance at stated meetings, is desirable; and in other localities a more cautious and judicious use of the ballot is respectfully, but earnestly, suggested."

Three dispensations for new Chapters issued. He notices in appropriate language the decease of the Past Grand High Priest, Comp. John Houston; the Grand Royal Arch Captain, Comp. Robert L. Fisher, and the Past Grand Chaplain, Comp. P. M. Pinckard.

In conclusion he says :

"Fully impressed with the belief that you, the representatives of the Subordinate Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction, thoroughly understand and appreciate the governing principles of our noble institution; that you are familiar with the landmarks of our Order; that you recognize the importance and solemnity of your duties and obligations as Royal Arch Masons, and that you need no reminder of the responsibilities attaching to you as members of the great Brotherhood, I deem it neither well nor proper, upon this occasion, to deliver you a lengthy, or even a brief, discourse upon the subject of Masonry, its origin, its mission, its purposes, or its lessons. I have contented myself, therefore, with laying before you, as succinctly as possible, my official acts, and express the hope that you may be satisfied with them."

M. E. Comp. Geo. F. Gouley, as usual, presents an able and interesting report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of thirty-four Grand Chapters. Illinois for 1870 receives attention.

In conclusion, he says :

"Once more the Grand Chapters of the continent have met and closed; unveiling to us, through their printed proceedings, the active work of nearly two thousand Subordinates and nearly one hundred and ten thousand Royal Arch Masons. Step by step, as we pass through the halls of each State body, we hear the echoes of busy life and the throbs of earnest hearts of Royal Arch Masons

in the interests of our noble Craft. Peace and harmony prevails throughout the entire Jurisdiction—defective stones are being removed and sound ones placed in their stead—the beauty and symmetry of the work itself is being yearly more and more appreciated and palpable errors corrected, and the Arches to-day present better workmanship than heretofore; “good work and square work” is becoming more distinctly heard from the Overseers’ stations—impostors are being detected and set aside—the importance of solemnity in our ceremonies is also more emphatically impressed upon Officers in the discharge of their important trusts—finally, but not least, the grand principles of jurisprudence are becoming better understood, and through these interchanges of thoughts, ideas, criticisms and comparisons, intelligent Craftsmen are annually working out a harmonious system whereby, year after year, the necessity of a national body becomes less apparent, and the integrity of State sovereignty more firmly established.”

M. E. Comp. J. M. Fox, of St. Louis, was re-elected Grand High Priest. M. E. Comp. Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 74 Chapters; 3,406 members; 462 exalted.

NEBRASKA.

The Fifth Annual Convocation was held at Lincoln, June 20, 1871. M. E. Comp. E. A. Allen, Grand High Priest. Six Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, says:

“We have, indeed, abundant cause for congratulation, when considering the healthy growth and prosperous condition of our Order, being consequent, in part, from the universal harmony prevailing throughout this Jurisdiction during the past year.”

Comp. R. W. Furnas presents the report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters, including Illinois for 1869.

The Committee regret that the want of time compels a brief review, and offers this excuse for the incompleteness of the report.

M. E. Comp. E. A. Allen, of Omaha, was re-elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Robert W. Furnas, of Brownville, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 6 Chapters; 359 members; 65 exalted.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Annual Convocation was held at Concord, May, 14, 1872. M. E. Comp. John A. Harris, Grand High Priest. Fourteen Chapters represented.

We quote the following from the address of the Grand High Priest, showing the prosperity of the Royal Craft:

“I congratulate you upon the auspicious circumstances under which our venerable Grand Chapter has again convened—upon the good attendance, particularly of aged men, Masons of long standing, on this occasion. The presence

of those who for many years have come hither from their respective homes, some of them from distant portions of the State, attests their continued regard for the institution, while their teachings and counsels guide us and keep us in the path they have so long followed.

"It is a gratification to know from living witnesses that during the existence of this Grand Chapter no innovations have been made; that Royal Arch Masonry, even in all its elaborate details, its impressive ceremonies, its sublime teachings, has been so sacredly guarded.

"Let us never forget the band of men who, for a long period, regardless of the storm of anti-masonry, whether induced by fanaticism, political design, or ignorance, have sustained and upheld this Grand Body.

"We may well rejoice that we find one place where the discords of earth cannot enter, where all differences upon the various questions which necessarily exist among mankind are laid aside, where men of successive generations and of all countries can unite.

"Firmly planted on a high, yet broad basis, unmindful of everything else, meddling with nothing outside of its own legitimate sphere, not stooping even to reply to abuse heaped upon it, Masonry has continued to flourish, and is to-day stronger than ever before.

"Following the path laid down for us by our forefathers, excluding from our ranks all who do not entertain proper appreciation of the principles on which this institution is founded, carefully guarding against all innovations from whatever quarter they may come, Masonry, we may feel assured, will retain in the distant future the high position it has always heretofore occupied.

"During the year prosperity has attended the Royal Craft in this Jurisdiction. A fair amount of work has been done, due care having been exercised."

Comp. John J. Bell presents a very full and able report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of thirty-nine Grand Chapters, among them Illinois for 1871.

M. E. Comp. Edward Gustine, of Keene, was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Abel Hutchins, of Concord, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 17 Chapters; 1,855 members; 104 exalted.

NEW JERSEY.

The Fifteenth Annual Convocation was held at Trenton, September 13, 1871. M. E. Comp. M. Higginbotham, Grand High Priest. Twenty-two Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest, speaking of the prosperity of the Royal Craft in the Jurisdiction, says:

"Our prosperity during the past few years has been great, far exceeding the expectations of the most sanguine among those firm, zealous Companions who, with never-wavering adherence to the great plan of usefulness which they had laid out, through good report and evil report, and in the face of difficulty and

opposition that would have deterred men of less firm purpose, first established the Grand Chapter of the State of New Jersey.

"It will, perhaps, surprise many of you to learn that during the past three years the number of Royal Arch Masons in this Jurisdiction has almost doubled, and reports of progress, prosperity and stability still continue to greet us from all parts of the State.

"In the year 1864, there were reported to this Grand Body thirteen Subordinate Chapters, with an aggregate membership of 624. In 1868 we had reported twenty-one Chapters and 1,183 members. The present year we have twenty-six Subordinates, while the number of members to be reported at this meeting will probably reach 2,200.

"But a glance at the material composing a large majority of our Chapters, and the harmony existing between these Bodies, will convince us that we contain within ourselves all the elements of success, and that we have only to continue to pursue our duty earnestly and steadfastly in order to gain the respect of all."

Two dispensations for new Chapters granted during the year, and one withheld, on account of the apartments not being suitable for Masonic purposes.

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia recognized.

Comp. T. J. Corson presents the report on Correspondence, reviewing in his usual style the transactions of thirty-six Grand Chapters, among them Illinois for 1870. The report covers a space of 143 pages, in which you will find the grave and serious with fun and frolic on the same page. But our space and time will not permit us to transfer it to our pages, as it must be read to be appreciated. To explain his many shortcomings, we quote his conclusion :

"Once more our pleasant task is ended. Of the manner in which it has been performed, it would not be delicate for us to speak. Some may think that there is too much trimming for the amount of substantial material, or that it is like the Spanish Don's dinner, "very little meat and a great deal of tablecloth." Thus much we can say, that we have bestowed upon this report more labor and pains than we have ever given to any one in preceding years. This has arisen partly from the fact that the amount of material presented for examination and review has been greater than ever before, but it was chiefly from our earnest desire to supply to the members of this Jurisdiction a full history of the condition and prospects of the Royal Craft throughout our whole country; and in other lands, so far as we have had an opportunity of learning. We entertain a hope that in this we have succeeded, for our desire is to gratify and benefit those for whom we labor.

"Various and widely-differing views are entertained as to the duties of reporters, and the manner in which their work should be done; and, consequently, these productions differ very materially in different localities, on account of the diversity of views entertained by their authors. Some seem to think that the writer should simply state that such decisions were rendered, such officers elected, and such resolutions adopted, without giving any opinion in regard to these matters,—thus degrading the office to that of a mere compiler. Others are so fearful of tran-

scending the limits within which they think that we 'brethren of the quill' should be circumscribed, that they say just — *nothing*; simply making quotations from the proceedings. Others, again, furnish but few extracts, while they laud the addresses and reports, and recommend them to the perusal of those who (as they well know) cannot obtain them. Intelligent people who are seeking light and information, will not be satisfied by being told that Paul preached at Athens, and that his sermon 'was excellent,' 'replete with wisdom,' 'full of beauties,' and 'worthy the attention of all.' They will insist upon knowing what St. Paul said, so that they can judge for themselves of the merits or demerits of the sermon. We think that it is gratuitous cruelty on the part of a reporter to speak in glowing praise of Comp. Smith's address, or Comp. Brown's report, without quoting a word from either. It's too much like the schoolboy's 'we've got lots of nice things on our Christmas tree, but you can't have any.'

"In our view a report on Correspondence should be an epitome of the proceedings reviewed — a condensation of all the good things therein contained — nor do we deem that courteously-expressed opinion and friendly criticism are improper. Mental friction educes truth from the mazes of error and brings order out of chaos. Such a report, properly prepared, is a complete history of the actual condition of our Institution, and, as such, is of incalculable value to all who are interested in Freemasonry; and this is the only source from which the large majority of our members can gain such information, as the proceedings of our Grand Chapters are accessible to only a favored few.

"As the mental characteristics of the writers differ, so must their reviews vary, one from the other. Yet all are most valuable. Some of these reporters (of whom the undersigned has been accused of being one) will occasionally spice their performances and tint their pen-pictures with a little fun and levity; which does not detract from, but rather adds to, the value of the document. A truth which is distasteful in itself may be made almost palatable if clothed in pleasant language; just as 'pills in apple-pies,' or castor-oil in soda-water, are quite as efficacious as the raw material would be, while the nastiness of the stuff is so disguised by the vehicle in which it is given that we hardly know that the dose has been given until it begins to work, and then we 'feel better as soon as it's done hurting.' We have the authority of Shakspeare that 'care killed a cat,' but who ever heard of a murder committed by fun? With ourself mirth and jollity are necessary to our existence — they are inherent in our very nature — and yet we always endeavor to avoid coarseness and vulgarity. We are somewhat like the schoolboy who offended in this wise: The teacher directed the class to keep perfectly still — as 'still as mice.' While silence deep and profound reigned before the awful presence of the frowning pedagogue, a distinct 'phew!' was heard, and Johnny Williams was at once recognized as the culprit. Upon being remonstrated with by the teacher for his disobedience, Johnny answered, 'Indeed I didn't do it — something inside of me made the 'phew' come out.' So it is with us — the 'phew' is in us, and occasionally it will slip out, albeit we are generally as grave as a deacon at a funeral.

"Some reporters hesitate about expressing an opinion upon any subject, as they seem to think that their Grand Chapter will be held responsible for any

views expressed by them. But this is in nowise the case, except where the report is read in full before the Grand Body, and *adopted by it*, which it would be impossible to do, unless the review was so brief as to be worthless. We would suggest that hereafter the Grand Chapter should authorize the publication of the report on Correspondence before the Annual Convocation, as is done by the Grand Lodge of our State, and by the Masonic Grand Bodies of several other jurisdictions. By this means the Companions of the Grand Chapter could ascertain whether any action is necessary to be taken, — whether its assent to or dissent from the views expressed in the document should be announced, or whether it should merely bear the paternity of its author. We invite the attention of the Grand Chapter to this subject.

“It is sometimes almost impossible to keep our pen from running riot when we get fairly absorbed in the multitude of subjects presented to us. Suppose we do go a little astray some time — it merely proves that we are human. Who of us will not do a little wrong once in a while, even if we know that we shall have to atone for it? There is a good deal of human nature displayed in the remark of the French lady who said, as she was about to take a glass of water, ‘O! how nice this would taste, if it was only wicked to drink it.’ What would life be worth if it were not for the sadly pleasant penitential seasons which follow the commission of wrong, and which purify our natures, intensifying our pleasures, and increasing our capacities for doing and receiving good. Even in the celestial regions there is more joy over one who has done wrong and repented, than over ninety-nine who have done no wrong. The best and grandest of King David’s psalms — those which most move the soul and exalt the mind — were written while he was seated on the stool of penitence: — for he was considerable of a sinner, even if he did turn out to be a saint. And after all, sinners are just the material of which saints are made. Then let us be natural, even if traces of the old Adam do appear.

“These reports on Correspondence have been likened to the tails to kites, and we acknowledge the force of the comparison. They are the most important parts, without which the other portions of the proceedings possess but very little interest, except to those personally concerned. And then as the ‘tail’ guides and controls the kite, preventing it from indulging in erratic flights, so do these reviews steady and govern the lighter and more ethereal performances of our youthful and enthusiastic Companions. Artificial aid will add to the merit of the most profound wisdom, rendering it more pleasant, palatable and profitable. Even the diviner sex does not disdain to use art in weaving the chains which bind us sterner mortals in such hopeless captivity. Where would be the beautiful buccal roundness wherein play the smiles of those bewitching sirens, but for the friendly ‘plumper?’ Where the lovely curves, the rise and fall of beauty’s beating bosom, but for the deceptive batting? And how — O! tell us how — could the masses of silks and satins, of bows and furbelows, which surround and adorn those angelic creatures, ever be navigated, but for the mysterious combination of strings and springs under whose direction all sails on so smoothly, gracefully, and majestically? We are no believer in the heterodox doctrine that ‘a woman is like a chippy bird, all feathers,’ but yet how enchanting, how captivating, are the num-

berless arts and devices with which the lovely daughters of Eve entrance and captivate us. Surely, then, we reporters may relieve the tedium of our lucubrations by such aids as will conceal the prosiness of facts and figures.

"Under most varied and varying mental and physical influences has this review been prepared. At times, all was bright and joyous with us; again, all dark and gloomy. Parts of it were written when we were wearied and almost exhausted by the labors and cares of a profession in which sorrow and suffering are daily scenes, the remembrance of which cannot be shaken off as soon as we have left the patient; other parts, while wearily waiting under circumstances which were calculated to make us wish that old Malthus had more disciples in these latter days; and other parts have been prepared when the soul was bowed in deepest grief, for we have been called upon to bear a sorrow which no words can portray — such unutterable anguish as can be felt and appreciated only by those who, like us, have been compelled to

" ' See a light on dearest brows,
Which is the daylight only.' "

But such as the report is, with all its imperfections, which are very many, and its merits, if it possess any, it is presented for your acceptance or rejection.

"One subject must impress itself upon the mind of the most careless observer who examines the different proceedings which have been presented to us — a sad subject, but one which it is important for us all to consider — the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death. And yet how little do we think of it! How little, if any, preparation do we make for the event which we know is inevitable. We go on dreaming vain dreams of hope and ambition which can never be realized — we build castles which we shall never occupy — we form plans which can never be carried out — we forget the lessons of the past which wisdom teaches us — we neglect the present, which is all that we can call our own — and we calculate upon a future which may never come to us. Well may we indulge in such reflections in view of the fact that, within the past year, nearly twenty Grand and Past Grand Officers of our associate Grand Chapters have been summoned hence, and our earthly eyes shall see them no more forever. These were all prominent in our Fraternity, they were the wise counselors, the prudent law-givers, the gentle teachers, whose words and whose lives exemplified the teachings of our noble institution, whose fundamental principle it is to do good and communicate. But thank God! although the king may die, the kingdom lives — they have left others to fill their places, and the cause of universal humanity cannot fail for want of supporters. But do we learn no useful lesson from all this? How soon must we go, and leave others to fill our places? It cannot be long hence, and it behooves us to see to it that we be prepared for that summons which must come to all of us sooner or later, against which human will is powerless, and which nor men nor angels can disobey."

M. E. Comp. Wm. H. Jeffreys, of Camden, was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. John Wolverton, of Trenton, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 26 Chapters 2,233 members; 287 exalted.

NEW YORK.

The Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Albany, February 6, 1872. M. E. Comp. Rees G. Williams, Grand High Priest. One hundred and seventy-five Chapters represented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest thus opens his admirable address :

"Protected by the care and blessings of our Father in Heaven, we are assembled after another year's experience to consult together for the good of Royal Arch Masonry, and I extend to you my personal and official greeting. I know that I may rely upon your sympathy when I assure you that on the very threshold of the task I am about to perform, I am awed by the consciousness that the eminent Companions who have performed in other years this very duty before me, are now looking down from their holy places on high to witness our zeal in our work of love, and to beckon us on to constancy and to renewed activity and consecration. Who shall estimate the value they assign to the noble and sacred lessons of our sublime Institutions. Companions, shall we not be encouraged by the brightness of their example? shall we be content with the beautiful ideal of Masonry, regardless of its conspicuous living embodiment? Can we lose sight of the fact that to exert its influence over others it must first of all gain a complete ascendancy over ourselves? There is untold power in consistency, pre-eminently so in Masonry. Nor is there room for doubt that they so thought, believed and acted, who have finished their earthly course and are in the presence of the Lord Almighty above."

And thus speaks of the prosperity of the Royal Craft :

"I have visited officially during the year many Chapters in the central cities of the State, and several in the rural districts. Our organizations in the cities having been stimulated by frequent official visitations of Grand Officers, it was deemed expedient to extend the intercourse of the executive to the Subordinates not thus located, hoping thereby to awaken renewed interest in the progress of our Institution. In the exercise of our ritual, by the Chapters thus visited, I am happy to state, that from the zeal and ardor of the membership, and, from the correct administration of affairs by the Officers, much has been done to place Royal Arch Masonry in the favorable position it now occupies. Let it not be forgotten that the Companion who devotes his time in acquiring the ritual, is punctual in his attendance upon Chapter meetings, and faithfully performs his duty, contributes largely to the advancement and perpetuity of our Order, and finds his chief reward in the augmented membership and general prosperity of his Chapter."

Four new Chapters organized.

The Grand High Priest submitted the following decisions :

"1. A Companion who has been duly elected and installed, and while serving as High Priest, cannot be a petitioner for Dispensation to organize a new Chapter.

"2. That two Chapters, having contiguous jurisdiction, cannot mutually agree to render inoperative the fundamental law of the Grand Chapter in admitting candidates."

The Grand Lecturer reports :

"Probably at no period in the history of this Grand Chapter has Royal Arch Masonry occupied the exalted position it does at this time. The work throughout the Jurisdiction is uniform and harmony prevails."

Comp. Joseph White presents an excellent report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of thirty-six Grand Chapters. Illinois for 1870 receives fraternal notice.

We copy entire the admirable address of the Grand Chaplain, the Rev. James Byron Murray :

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions :

"The subject on which I propose to address you is the moral teachings of the Seven Degrees through which we have passed, constituting us Royal Arch Masons. I shall speak very briefly, and without any attempt at eloquence, for the profound philosophical views of the tenets of Masonry.

"When first we entered a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, we entered it in a state of darkness ; and yet by that very condition we were taught a lesson of trust. The question that was asked us, and the answer we gave, both imply it. A confidence was begotten in us, and we trusted and went in, not knowing whither we went ; being assured from the touch of a living hand that all would be well with us. And when the scales, as it were, fell from our eyes, we found ourselves surrounded by brethren.

"What better can we do now, here assembled in our annual Convocation, than to turn back and recall that hour and its teachings ; so that in our present gathering we may renew our trust in God, and do our work as members of our great brotherhood, who feel the touch of a brother's living hand ?

"*This lesson first ;* and then the lesson which that passage of the sacred Scriptures teaches, of 'Brethren dwelling together in unity.'

"When we had passed through the ceremonies of the degree in which we had entered we found ourselves bound by ties which were not for a day, or a year, but for all time : ties which we could not break without destroying all our integrity, and all that manliness which makes a man loyal and true to any high trust ; ties into which we might not have entered, but which, having entered them in the solemn consecration of a life purpose, bound us in the bonds of a mystic and splendid fellowship.

"This lesson first ; and, second, there is one God in whom we trust, and all we are brethren.

"The next Degree has its lessons for us, both high and important. The light imparted to us as entered apprentices was a light that informed us, and by which we were enabled to pass through the pillars of the outer courts into the middle chamber of the temple of Masonry, that we might receive fuller light, and fit

ourselves for higher ideas of Masonry, and what bearing it has on our practical life.

"This Degree views us as intellectual and moral beings. It urges us to cultivate the arts which aid while they adorn civilization ; and, as thinking men, to weigh and study the works of creation which we see around us, in a devout and reverent spirit.

"Passing from the intellectual to the moral in humanity, we are enjoined by the legal requirements of the Degree to practice the virtue of *patience* ; for we have to *wait* for further developments, that after proper time we may be prepared for the teachings which follow in the Master's Lodge.

"With patience there is combined the spirit of *reverence* — the duty which we owe to God as our Creator, the object of our worship and our knowledge.

"The passage of Scripture which is read in this Degree teaches us one great characteristic of Masonry, which, like a thread of gold in a purple tapestry, runs through it all — the characteristic of *Charity*.

"The 'Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity,' melts into and becomes one with the sublimest of the graces. By this grace Masonry would teach us that a Mason must think no evil of his brother, but in all things to be to him as a brother. And as an inward principle this charity must have its fruition in the outward life. It is therefore charity of the *lip* ; the Mason is to *speak* no evil against his brother ; to bear no false witness against him ; to wound his character by no slanderous accusation, and so take away from him his reputation, which no money can buy back again. It is moreover charity of the *hand*. If a brother has need, and he can supply it, the Mason is to hold out the kind helping hand, not as a matter of duty arising out of their common brotherhood, but as a matter of love. If, therefore, our Institution taught us nothing more than this great virtue, it would be a right royal Institution ; and if we would realize it as we ought, we would be high examples of one of the greatest moral principles — men with charity in the heart, with charity in the tongue, and in the just and liberal hand.

"From the Second we pass unto the Third Degree. This symbolizes our life on earth. Its shortness is represented by beautiful emblems, which betoken how brief and frail the longest life is ; and its trials are represented to us in the dangers which beset us on the right hand and on the left, in the faithful discharge of our duties. The science and circumspection which should characterize the true Mason are pictured to us by vivid figures and solemn instruction. The sublime teachings which mark this degree, urge us on to grander efforts in the moral life — because beyond this there is a life to come. They inspire us to cherish and keep alive our faith in the unseen ; and when the mortal is passing away, we are enjoined to hope, for the evergreen which drops on the mortal body in the grave is the token that one day it shall be clothed with the immortal. The whole degree, in all its lights and shadows, is calculated to educate the heart and the senses ; and will become to us, rightly used, as the outward touch of divine truth, moulding our life to higher ideas, and drawing us closer and still more close to Him who gave life for wise purposes and will receive it again.

"From the Third Degree we reach the Mark, whose key note is duty. 'What-

soever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might.' The chisel and the mallet tell us that we are workers, not idlers standing with folded hands in the market place, letting the days glide past us, and life's work not done. The character of this degree is one of high morality. It teaches us to be honest in our work, and not to demand wages which we have not earned. Our hands even are to bear the mark of our work, and our service is to be true service faithfully performed, whether in the burden and heat of the day, or in the coolness of eventide. We are admonished that there is an Eye that observes our work, to see if it bears the stamp of His name, and lest we should be weary, as we toil from day to day, we are encouraged by the promise of reward, and inspired to put ourselves, therefore our souls and bodies, our talents and our energies, faithfully to what we have to do; that so, when the shadows of night shall fall, and we can work no more, we shall hear with gladness the command, 'Call the laborers and give them their hire.'

"The next Degree shows us the reward which merit always meets; and teaches us the duty of qualifying ourselves for any station of trust to which we may be called. It carries us back to the symbolism of the first three degrees, and draws fresh instruction from them, to apply to the new position in which we are placed. The moral lesson of this degree is the necessity of self-control—the mastery which every Mason should have over his passions and desires—and the truth, that he who would control others must be himself under the discipline of reason and law. The duty of studying the Word of God is again brought before us, both as a guide in this life, and as the agent to fashion us for the life to come.

"We are now prepared to enter the Sixth Degree, and take in its sublime suggestions:

"By the beautiful ceremonies which we witness we are ushered, as it were, into the grandeur of the Temple of Jerusalem, where all the outward stir and the strife of the busy world are stilled, and where we forget the labors that pressed so heavily on our weary spirits. Now our imagination is allowed to work, and to bring before us higher ideals of life, and purer suggestions as to what that life should be. The tall and sculptured pillars of the Temple; the light that burns upon the altar; the arch, finished with the keystone of perfection; tell us that our whole manhood ought to be in harmony with all this; that our acts should rise in integrity and beauty like those columns; our thoughts should burn like that pure light; and that our faith and hope should form over all the arch cemented and held together by an abiding love. Thus the temple of vision teaches us to make our own lives like that inner view of that olden Temple; and the Degree itself leads us on to that Temple above, with its divine light and transfiguration.

"The Seventh Degree calls us back from all this high imagining to the quenched light on the altar, to the scattered incense, the ruined arch, the broken columns, and tells us what every wreck practically tells us—'My sons, go work again.' The significance of this degree is very beautiful, from the prayer we make on bended knees, to the trust with which we follow our guide whithersoever he leads us. Its meaning, read aright, interprets our life. We have wandered from God; we have faltered in our trust, and God has left us to ourselves as he left his people of old.

Like them we are carried away captive as it were to a strange land. But there comes a crisis in our life ; we wish once more to return to our native country, and to worship God 'in the fair beauty of his Temple.' We resolve to leave this life of worldliness and estrangement, and we set out for our home. The way is long and toilsome ; it is beset with dangers ; it is rough, and the rude stones cut our feet ; but, guided by a kindly hand, we pass on against all difficulties. Our eyes are dim, we cannot see well to walk in the way ; but there comes a voice to us, it is the voice of Inspiration. 'I will bring the blind by a way that they know not ; I will lead them in paths that they have not known ; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight.' Then we go forward in hope, our path is easier ; a hand is laid upon us ; words are given us, light begins to dawn upon our eyes ; veil after veil which hung before them is parted asunder, and we reach a place where we can see more clearly. Such is the teaching of this degree, interpreted by its religious meaning. It leads us on to that time when the earthly veils shall be taken away, and the eyes of the faithful, anointed and cleansed, 'shall behold the King in his beauty and the land that is very far off.'

" These, Companions, are the lessons which we are taught by the Seven Degrees. They are high lessons, for they are drawn from our holy religion, which Masonry has everywhere blended with itself as a moral institution. They are calculated to lead us on step by step, as by the ladder which Jacob saw, to higher and higher principles, even from earth to heaven.

" If such is the teaching of these degrees, we must remember that it is our part and duty to read them aright, to follow them out in our own lives, so that we may be living epistles known and read of all men.

" I would not, by aught that I have said, have you imagine that because the teachings are thus high, that Religion and Masonry are one and the same. They are not so. Masonry only seeks to be the humble handmaiden of religion ; content to do her work in a lower sphere of action, and lead men from the moral temple into the temple of religion, with its kindred but greater light and transforming power.

" I speak thus highly of Masonry, not because I love the religion of God less, but because I would have you love Masonry more, and regard it in its true light.

" You will observe that I have not spoken of it in its social aspects, and therefore I feel justified in the moral position which I have sought to place the Institution. Its truths are borrowed from religion, from the Word of God ; and as such they must be moral, and, rightly accepted and believed, must have a reformatory force. Religion gives us truths with the solemn voice of Inspiration ; but Masonry is a kind of moral philosophy, and in no sense seeks to take the place of religion — it simply strives to apply whatever light it may have borrowed from the Word of God to the moral parts of our nature ; all the greater duties it leaves to be wrought out by the teaching of Inspiration. And it is the glory of our Institution, however much its members may have striven in this respect to pervert the institution of Masonry, that it has always recognized itself as occupying a lower position than religion, and, honestly understood, the lofty and holy associations of holding to the truths which religion has given it.

"Recognize this, therefore, and do not ignore the responsibility of religion, by claiming that Masonry, however magnificent in its principles, releases us from being religious — so shall our good not be evil spoken of.

"Practically and personally suffer the word of exhortation. If the community in which we live has no other way of knowing what Masonry is, it is for us to show it that the tree is good and cannot but bear good fruit. Our conduct in the world must be the unanswerable logic for its morality and truth. The obligations which we are under are severable with age, and no act of ours must sully or stain their purity. They show us what is our work and what are the implements of our toil. Our work is to build the structure of a moral manhood; and the implements of our toil are the chisel and malet, and all the instructions which the Institution contains. It is for us to so use them that every part of the structure shall have its due proportion and strength; that a moral harmony shall be as the cement which shall keep together every part, as one well ordered and finished building.

"Let us keep ever before us the tenets of the Order, the brotherly love they inspire, and the destiny to which they show us we are tending, by an unalterable law. Let us remember, each of us in our several stations, that we are not isolated parts of the moral temple, but parts combined together, and which should be joined with true proportion and symmetry; and that upon each of us depends, according to his measure, the success, the welfare and the moral power of the Institution before the world. Remember, also, that we are fellow workers; that we must work side by side, with mutual help, mutual support and encouragement. These outward bonds of union beget unity of action and unity of feeling, and in the end lesser differences vanish in the grand unity of aim and design.

"Let us go forward, then, each one doing his work according to his strength and requirements, bringing up his gifts to be laid upon the common altar of our Institution, which will bestow at once its thanks and its blessing. Let us go forward in faith and the love of religion, and hope will cheer us on the rugged path of life. And when our journey is ended, and our work done, we shall lie down to rest awhile, until that day when we shall be called to receive the reward of our labor; and when the knowledge we sought for shall be made clear, in the light that burns on the altar of that 'house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.'"

M. E. Comp. Rees G. Williams, of Utica, was re-elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Christopher G. Fox, of Buffalo, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 179 Chapters; 15,733 members; 1,927 exalted.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Wilmington, June 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1872. M. E. Comp. John Nichols, Grand High Priest. Twelve Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest opens his address as follows:

"Turning aside from our ordinary pursuits, and forgetting for the time the hard competitions of business, the struggles of professional life, the feverish thirst for fame and the bitter wranglings of partisan zeal, we assemble in this Hall so long consecrated to Benevolence, bow again before the shrine of Masonry, gather fresh motives of affection for our venerable Institution, and dedicate ourselves anew to its great principles and duties.

"If the uninitiated ask why we thus assemble, or question us in regard to what constitutes Masonry, we can answer in the language of a distinguished Companion of our State: 'Masonry avoids strife and controversy. If there are neighborhood disputes, she is neutral; in the arena of politics she is of no party; in theology she is of no sect; in war she goes not to battle, except as an angel of mercy; when reviled she reviles not again; she invites no one into her councils, and turns none away who comes of his own free will and accord, and is worthy; she has nothing to ask as a favor, and nothing to fear as a harm—a blameless life of centuries is her safety, and the mountains are not higher nor the sea broader than her fame.'"

The Grand High Priest favors the return of the Grand Chapter to its allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, giving many strong reasons therefor. He was present at the meeting in Baltimore, and therefore speaks advisedly when he says:

"The utmost harmony and good feeling prevailed throughout the entire session, and will long be remembered by those who were privileged to participate in its deliberations."

He says with much truth:

"In conclusion, Companions, I deem it necessary to direct your attention to the great business of Masonry—that of subduing our passions, and learning charity—not alone that charity which relieves the distressed—which turns a listening ear to the moan of the widow and the cry of the orphan; but that charity which causes us to look with pity and even kindness on an erring brother; which leads us to reflect that we are all imperfect, that we all have our foibles and our frailties; that charity which shows us some good in every human character; a charity which would prompt us to withhold condemnation of a brother, until we have inquired into all the facts and learned the motives, and, if we then find him in the wrong, to 'whisper good counsel' in his ear and endeavor to aid a reformation.

"An evil word, or a word of harsh condemnation, often alienates Masons and destroys that cordiality which should ever exist among brethren of the mystic tie.

"The gavel is the instrument used by operative masons to break off the corners of rough stones, the better to fit them for the builder's use. It is to us an emblem of enlightened reason, 'which curbs ambition, depresses envy, moderates anger and encourages good dispositions.' What profit will it be to us if we listen to this great lesson of 'divesting the heart and conscience of the vices and super-

fluities of life, and thus fitting our minds as living stones for the spiritual temple,' and do not apply the lesson to our own hearts? What profit will it be to us if we hear the lesson of the *plumb*, admonishing us to walk uprightly, and we heed it not? What profit will it be to us, if we attend the Lodge or Chapter regularly, pay particular attention to the conferring of the degrees, and never apply the lessons there taught to our own hearts?

"Has it ever occurred to you, Companions, that if the Grand Overseer should call for our blocks to be tried by his unerring square, how rough they would appear? how unfit for the Temple? how little squared? how much of the dirt of the quarry — envy, discord, malice and hypocrisy — would be found clinging to them? and how these things would mar the symmetry and beauty of the building?

"We may hear the lessons of Masonry for a life-time, but if we do not reduce the theories to practice they will avail us nothing. Practice is everything. 'We may talk of religion, its doctrines, its precepts and its privileges; we may talk of philosophy, with all its train of human perfections and human acquirements'; we may become Masons, boast of its secrecy, its science and its morals; put on all its gaudy trappings and ornaments, and decorate ourselves with its richest external jewels; but if our religion is destitute of love to God and of charity towards our fellow-creatures; if our philosophy is destitute of philanthropy, or if our Masonry is destitute of the activity of doing good; away with religious profession, it is but an empty name; away with philosophical sentiment, it is but as sounding brass; away with Masonic pretensions, they are as tinkling cymbals."

No report on Correspondence, owing to the illness of the Chairman of the Committee, Comp. Alfred Martin.

M. E. Comp. John Nichols, of Raleigh, was re-elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Thomas B. Carr, of Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 20 Chapters; 718 members; 20 exalted.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Third Annual Convocation was held at Halifax, June 4, 1872. M. E. Comp. S. R. Sircom, Grand High Priest; Comp. James Gossip, Grand Secretary. Five Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest's address is mostly of a local character. He says:

"You have been called together this year at an earlier hour than usual, in order to afford you more time to consider the business which will be brought before you at this our Third Annual Convocation, and also to enable the Grand Council of High Priests to confer the Order upon all those present entitled to receive the same.

"I rejoice to be with you on this occasion, and heartily extend to you my sincere congratulations on the harmony existing amongst our several Chapters, the unprecedented interest manifested by the members, and the steady and increased prosperity of the Royal Craft throughout the Province.

"It is highly gratifying to be able to inform you that our relations with foreign Grand Chapters are of the most satisfactory and friendly character. The

Grand Secretary has received thirty-three reports of proceedings from the Supreme Bodies on this Continent, all of which will be reviewed and duly placed before you.

"The very favorable notice this Grand Chapter has received is highly encouraging, and will, I am sure, stimulate you to put forth every laudable exertion toward the continued advancement of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction."

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee think the use of Substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch Degree not contrary to any Masonic law or usage. They recommend that the question be left to the discretion of the Council of the individual Chapters.

Comp. James Gossip presents the report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of thirty-one Grand Chapters.

In conclusion he says :

"In the perusal of the mass of proceedings received we must confess to having experienced a great deal of pleasure, but have to regret that on this occasion circumstances have compelled us to omit almost entirely the expression of our own views on the many questions requiring full and free discussion ; we trust, however, that as our Grand Body grows in years and prosperity, we shall not be *compelled* to confine our remarks within a limited number of pages, from the fear of want of funds to pay the printer."

M. E. Comp. Stephen R. Sircom, of Halifax, was re-elected Grand High Priest ; Comp. James Gossip, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 5 Chapters ; 189 members ; 32 exalted.

OHIO.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Sandusky, September 26, 27 and 28, 1872. M. E. Comp. Charles C. Kiefer, Grand High Priest. Seventy-five Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is local in character. He says :

"Life, to me, is a very great mystery. The question, 'What is your life?' comes very often uncalled for, and, on an occasion like the present, the question proves itself through the multitude of thoughts and memories, and clamors for consideration. 'What is your life?' Am I making the best possible use of the opportunities of life as they are presented? Are you meeting the ends of your being, and discharging the high responsibilities resting upon you, in view of the positions you occupy in our Order and in the State? My own mind goes back a quarter of a century and calls up the lessons and teachings of Masonry, learned and meditated over in the earlier years of my Masonic life, and I ask myself the question, 'How I, in youth, as an Entered Apprentice, industriously occupied

my time in the attainment of useful knowledge ; and, in manhood, am I applying that knowledge in a faithful discharge of the duties which I owe to God, my neighbor and myself ?' Are we all so applying these lessons and duties, that we can look forward to the time of age, in the hope of enjoying the happy reflection consequent upon a well-spent life, and wait our appointed time, when we shall be, like ripe sheaves in the harvest time, gathered into the great garner of eternity.

"I am reminded that this gathering process has been going on very rapidly in our Grand Jurisdiction ; and as we gather in our annual assembly, on the margin of this mighty lake, made dear to every patriot by the memories of the past, and take each other by the hand, we drop a tear to the memory of those who do not come up with us to our annual feast, kneel with us around our altar, and send up the incense of grateful hearts to the Great Giver of the manifold blessings and comforts vouchsafed to us during our separation."

After mentioning in appropriate terms the decease of several eminent Companions during the year, he says :

"I said a moment ago that death has been busy in his work. Is it not so ? Call up, in your memory, the departed. Stokes, Hubbard, Benedict, Griswold, Matthews, Embree, Reed, and, last of all, Sparrow. How fast they are going ! Let us be prepared, for in an hour that we think not of we shall be called for."

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia recognized. Comp. J. Kelly O'Neal presented the report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of twenty-two Grand Chapters. The proceedings of Illinois, for some cause, were not of the number.

M. E. Comp. Charles C. Kiefer, of Dayton, was re-elected Grand High Priest ; Comp. James Nesbitt, of Troy, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 129 Chapters ; 7,060 members ; 786 exalted.

OREGON.

The Twelfth Annual Convocation was held at Salem, June 24, 1872. M. E. Comp. James R. Bayley, Grand High Priest. Five Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is short and local. He says :

"We are again permitted to assemble at our Twelfth Annual Communication under circumstances which augur well for the interests of our beloved Fraternity."

He mentions the granting of a Charter by the General Grand Chapter, at its last session, to Companions at Seattle, Washington Territory, which Chapter was regularly constituted by Comp. J. B. Lee, the Grand King, on the 27th of January, 1872, who reports that they are starting as a Chapter under very favorable auspices.

The Grand High Priest has visited all but one of the Chapters in the Jurisdiction during the year, and reports "that they are all in a prosperous condition, there being no discord to mar their peace and harmony—a circumstance highly

gratifying to me, to know that the Companions of this Jurisdiction have not forgotten their obligations as Royal Arch Masons."

A charter was issued to Bayley Chapter U. D.

Comp. T. McF. Patton submitted the report on Correspondence, ably reviewing the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter.

We were glad to see that our proceedings for 1871 had reached our Companions in Oregon.

In his review of Illinois, after quoting Comp. Murray's views in regard to the Substitute question, as decided by the General Grand Chapter, as follows :

"Comp. Murray says : ' That it is a direct violation of our ritual, and that no such emergency can exist as will justify any High Priest to violate his obligation,"

he says :

"The rebellious spirit of Iowa is manifest here ; we say rebellious, because the question has been discussed time and again ; and when a question has received as thorough ventilation as this, by the best minds, and squarely submitted for decision to General Grand Chapter, it ought to be satisfactory, and every Jurisdiction meekly accept the situation. The resolution submitted prohibiting their use was voted down by a two-thirds vote. This subject is entitled to decent burial, and we sincerely hope that none will dare parade it again. Let us have peace."

We have tried the question on both sides, and the prohibition still stands on the records of Illinois.

In his report on the General Grand Chapter he says :

"The all-absorbing question, Shall the General Grand Chapter continue, has been definitely settled : it still lives, and will continue to live. As correspondents, we will be under the necessity of raising some new question over which we can display our pugilistic abilities or resign the position. Substitutes, Past Master's Degree, the disorganization of the General Grand Chapter, and several other subjects have been discussed until every one has had his say. Let us all prepare for a grand time at Nashville, in November, 1874. Comp. Corson is our authorized agent to secure a back seat for us."

M. E. Comp. James R. Bayley, of Corvallis, was re-elected Grand High Priest for the sixth term.

Statistics : 6 Chapters ; 190 members ; 20 exalted.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The proceedings before us contain the several Quarterly and the Annual Convocation held at Philadelphia, December 27, 1871. M. E. Comp. Michael Nisbet, Grand High Priest. Sixteen Chapters represented.

At the Quarterly Convocation of August 3d, we find the following preamble and resolutions adopted:

WHEREAS, The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has received from the General Grand Chapter of the United States a request to send delegates to the Triennial Convocation to be held in Baltimore in September next, as a Committee of Conference to arrange terms of union, if practicable, with the General Grand Chapter;

And whereas, This Grand Chapter cannot see the advantages to be derived from any such union, but, on the contrary, many disadvantages:

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, That the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania most fraternally decline to send such delegates as are requested.

Pennsylvania has a way of her own, and the transactions before us do not give us much insight into the way. The Officers for the year were elected at the Quarterly in November and installed at the Annual in December, at which time the retiring and incoming High Priests delivered lengthy addresses. Grand High Priest Nisbet says in his address, which is a *resume* of his official visitations and acts:

"My Companions, I congratulate you that peace and prosperity reign within our Jurisdiction, and that nothing has occurred to disturb the peaceful relations existing between our own and other Grand Chapters."

Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. Charles E. Meyer, after his installation, delivered an able and interesting address, giving a history of Masonry in his own Jurisdiction and in that of England, etc., containing much valuable information.

Comp. George Griscom presents a short report on Correspondence, in which the transactions of twenty-nine Grand Chapters are mentioned, with ours for 1870.

M. E. Comp. Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. John Thomson, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 75 Chapters; 7,664 members; 884 exalted.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Convocation was held at Charleston, February 13 and 14, 1872. M. E. Comp. James A. Hoyt, Grand High Priest. Twenty-seven Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is principally devoted to local matters. He says:

"In submitting an account of my official transactions during the past year, it may be well to premise that private duties and engagements have prevented

any considerable effort on my part to ascertain the condition of Royal Arch Masonry throughout this Jurisdiction by personal visits to Subordinate Chapters ; which would have afforded me unusual pleasure, I have no doubt, if circumstances had permitted. But it is a source of unmixed gratification to me that entire harmony prevails among the Subordinate Chapters, so far as I am informed, and that naught has arisen during the past year to merit censure or reproof from your presiding officer. The growth and prosperity of the Subordinate Chapters, for the past several years, has been unusually progressive ; and it is my opinion that a period has been reached when we may take a retrospective view and learn much that is valuable. Masonry in general has been exceedingly popular, and the Capitular Degrees have been sought by hundreds. An anxiety to keep pace with this genuine progression has induced a hasty growth of membership, and in many cases the zeal manifested at the threshold of our sacred tabernacle has expired with the completion of the ritualistic usages. The candidate has received the degrees in such an informal and hurried manner, that he has failed to imbibe the glorious principles which lie buried beneath our symbolisms ; and after a few visits to the Chapter, where he witnesses similar attempts upon others, he drops away altogether from attendance, and becomes that nondescript character — an indifferent Mason. I appeal to you, my Companions, to sustain the truthfulness of the picture, and that it has not been overdrawn. But allow me to repeat, the time has arrived to look at these matters soberly and seriously. The surge of popularity has measurably receded, and among the older Chapters of this Jurisdiction, especially, a vast amount of material has been exhausted, and many R. A. Masons are numbered among the non-affiliated. As the tide ebbs and flows, so we may confidently expect that the present almost lethargic condition of many Chapters will not continue, and that another wave will bear along numberless applicants for the Capitular Degrees. Such being the case, it is a propitious time to recommend remedial measures, and I would earnestly urge upon the Subordinate Chapters a closer scrutiny into the fitness of candidates in the first place, and more careful exercise of patience in teaching the ritual. This topic might be profitably pursued yet further, but I trust the reflections already made will induce my Companions to give it serious consideration."

The Grand Secretary, in his report, having been a delegate to the General Grand Chapter, says :

"The threatened movement to dissolve the General Grand Chapter was not even introduced ; but, on the contrary, all present seemed to realize more fully than ever the good accomplished by these Convocations ; and we consider that instead of being weakened, the effect of the meeting was to fix this Grand Body even more strongly in its high position of usefulness and honor."

The Committee on Finance, finding a deficit in the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Chapter, recommended the following :

Resolved, That for the purpose of providing for the deficit now existing, each Chapter be requested, at the earliest practicable period, to forward, as a contribution, the sum of one dollar for each member borne on its roll.

Comp. Augustine T. Smythe submits the report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of thirty-four Grand Chapters. Illinois for 1870 receives attention. He says, in his conclusion :

"It will thus be seen that Royal Arch Masonry continues, with undisturbed harmony, its onward progress. True, there have been slight differences of opinion, some cases of discipline, and mooted questions of law, which, like the ripples on the surface of the sea, serve only to break the monotony, and give zest and interest to the scene. But the great wave rolls on, bearing upon its bosom its freight of kindness and good will, and diffusing among all mankind the health-giving streams of brotherly love and charity.

"The great questions of the existence of the General Grand Chapter, the use of substitutes and the retention of the Past Master's Degree, which have caused so much discussion, have at last been determined affirmatively, and we now look with anxious solicitude for the return of our wayward sisters to the common fold. And the prospect does seem bright, that ere we meet in Nashville, in 1874, we may welcome into equal and fraternal union with us every Grand Chapter in our United States.

"With these subjects disposed of, the matters chiefly considered are questions of Masonic jurisprudence, interesting in the extreme to every earnest seeker after Masonic truth. These we have noticed in our report, with such views of our own as seemed fit to be jotted down, adding such extracts from the different proceedings as appeared calculated to instruct or interest our Companions. We know how diverse are the ideas on the subject of these reports held by different Companions. But our own conception of the duty imposed upon us (and a man to be anything must be like himself and not like anybody else), was simply to read and review the proceedings of sister jurisdictions, extracting such parts of their proceedings, addresses, decisions or reports as seemed calculated to interest the Craft, and present the same, with our views, *not* as the received opinions of the Grand Chapter, but as much for the purpose of exciting inquiry and stimulating research and study, as for any weight or importance which could be properly attached to them.

"None but those who have performed it can appreciate the labor of the task. Yet every one bears testimony to the pleasure even of the burden, and we ourselves can truly say, that but seldom have we met with more interesting matter than is contained in these forty-one volumes.

"And now, Companions, the work is before you for your judgment. We simply trust it may serve to throw some additional light upon our noble Institution. Bear with its faults, for it has been written under the pressure of a profession which is a 'jealous mistress,' and partly in seasons of sickness and affliction. The only amend we can offer is, in asking that you accept this as a resignation from the position which you called us to fill, and that thus some better fitted Companion may serve you for the ensuing year. We have tried to fill it satisfactorily, but feel that we cannot with justice to you or to ourselves again assume the responsibility, and humbly ask that to some one more competent the honor of the position may be assigned for the ensuing year.

"To our brothers of the reportorial corps we wish only to say a kind farewell. Our intercourse has been brief, but to us *very, very* pleasant; we have not had time for many jousts, but we feel as though we were leaving friends, and it is with sincere regret that we pen these lines."

M. E. Comp. James A. Hoyt, of Anderson, was re-elected Grand High Priest; Comp. Augustine T. Smythe, of Charleston, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 26 Chapters; 807 members; 55 exalted.

TENNESSEE.

The Annual Convocation was held at Nashville, November 8, 1871. M. E. Comp. Wm. H. Armstrong, Grand High Priest. Seventy-four Chartered and six Chapters U. D. represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is devoted principally to local matters. Of uniformity of work, he says:

"Uniformity of work is not yet an accomplished fact. Something has been done in this direction, but much remains to be done. Some of the Companions in the State seem to think that your action in 1869, adopting a uniformity of work, left it optional with them to receive or reject that work. Some even question your authority for such an action. These Companions have not yet reached that point in the knowledge of Capitular Masonry where wisdom begins. Those who entertain this opinion, (few in number, I am glad to say,) as a general thing, I have found to be those who know the least about the rituals, history, laws and customs of Masonry. Ignorance is inexcusable in this age of Light, and to obtain more light should be the object of every Mason.

"We find self-opinioned, ignorant men, everywhere — in Church, in State, and in Masonry, exhibiting the same characteristics. They oppose every object that calls for a united effort. They are willing to see the beautiful ceremonies of our noble Craft made ridiculous, if by that means a few more ignorant than themselves may consider *them* wise. They oppose the publication of Masonic books, periodicals, newspaper articles, or anything that would throw a ray of light, and if in your counsels their advice is not followed, they become greatly incensed."

He thus speaks of other matters:

"In most places I have found the standard of morals high, in others too much neglected. I have no desire, neither would it be possible to make of ours a denominational or temperance organization; still, as it is founded on the principles of virtue, and as the law which is to govern every Mason is the Great Light contained in the Holy Bible, we cannot insist too strongly upon moral qualifications. Among those who are taught never to use the name of the Deity but with that reverence which is due from the creature to the Creator, the profane swearer, the drunkard, the libertine, and the dramseller, have no place; and how much worse is it when such men are placed in official positions, and held up as examples and models! There are those who draw on us reproach and condemnation.

Those who are guilty of such practices should be healed, or we should remove them fearlessly and without partiality. Companions, will you see to this when you return to your Subordinate Jurisdictions?"

Of the prospects of the Royal Craft :

"Standing, as we do, at the close of another Masonic year, we think that the outlook is decidedly encouraging. Harmony prevails in all our borders, and most of our Subordinates are anxious to work correctly, and elevate the standard of moral qualifications. Upon the whole we have cause of sincere congratulation. Let us thank God, and take courage in the work before us."

Comp. George S. Blackie, Assistant Grand Secretary, presents the report on Correspondence, giving an able review of all the Grand Chapters in the world, forty-one in number.

In conclusion he says :

"We have been enabled to report upon all the Grand Chapters of the United States, and the sum of the whole is that the Royal Craft was never more prosperous, more successful, more united than it now is. The enemies of Masonry, who examine its history with an eye single to everything that is evil, prepared to believe and greedily drink in all that is discreditable to the Order, can find among us, no matter how deep they search, nothing but pure and good principles and an earnest endeavor to act up to those principles."

M. E. Comp. A. J. Wheeler, of Memphis, was elected Grand High Priest ;
M. E. Comp. John Frizzell, of Nashville, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 92 Chapters ; 4,122 members ; 313 exalted.

VERMONT.

The Annual Convocation was held at Burlington, June 14, 1872. M. E. Comp. Edward A. Jewett, Grand High Priest. Twenty-two Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, says :

"We have good cause for congratulation and thankfulness for the continued prosperity of our beloved Order throughout the State, and that so many of us are spared and permitted to meet here again, to renew old friendships and form new."

He speaks in appropriate language of the death of Past Grand High Priest Barzillai Davenport, born in 1789, of whom he says :

"He lived during the time of the anti-Masonic persecution which raged and, as he said, 'disgraced' our Green Mountain State, when its howlings were heard in the halls of justice—in the legislative halls—in the juror's box, and when the faithful minister of the Gospel was driven from the holy altar for his honest faith and attachment to the Institution. Companion Davenport lived in those days, and lived a Mason—he lived to labor for the Institution, to defend

it from the vile slanders of its enemies ; and never once did he cower at their assaults, who spent their breath in attempts to aid aspiring demagogues to seats of honor and profit which they were never qualified to fill ; but he boldly defended the truth and nobly sustained the cause of the Institution. Few men have done as much for Masonry as Companion Davenport."

The Grand High Priest having alluded to the introduction of the "Rite of Memphis" into the Jurisdiction, the Committee on the address say :

"With regard to the Rite of Memphis, your Committee respectfully report that they are unable, in the limited time of this Convocation, and with the information that they have been able to obtain, to arrive at a full, satisfactory conclusion ; but this Grand Chapter claims exclusive control and authority, within this Jurisdiction, over the four degrees immediately following that of Master Mason, and declare that any organization, claiming to be Masonic or to confer in this State degrees that are substitutes for or equivalent to the Chapter degrees, is clandestine."

No report on Correspondence.

M. E. Comp. E. A. Jewett, of Burlington, re-elected Grand High Priest ;
Comp. W. H. S. Whitcomb, of Burlington, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 24 Chapters ; 1,651 members ; 99 exalted.

VIRGINIA.

The Annual Convocation was held at Richmond, December 13, 1871. M. E. Comp. John P. Little, Grand High Priest. Thirty-two Chapters represented. The Grand High Priest says of the prosperity of the Royal Craft :

"I find that our branch of the Order is flourishing ; that the Companions possess true fervency and zeal in carrying out the knowledge of the Chapter Degrees ; that the Light is spreading, and that our ritual is closely followed and well taught.

"During the past twenty years there has been a wonderful revival of Royal Arch Masonry in Virginia. At the beginning of this period the knowledge of these beautiful degrees was concentrated in a few places, and only possessed by a few persons. I could readily name the half-dozen Masons in our Jurisdiction who alone thoroughly possessed this knowledge, while now they may be counted by the hundred. Let this improvement continue ; let the Light shine forth. By having the work illustrated at every meeting of the Grand Chapter, and by having a Grand Lecturer actively employed throughout our Jurisdiction, we can soon have every Chapter well instructed, and a uniform system of perfect work prevailing within our limits."

He thus speaks of the formation of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia :

"The most interesting event that has occurred during my term of office has been the establishment of a Grand Chapter for West Virginia. Permission had

been granted at our last annual Convocation to organize such a Grand Chapter, and on November 16, 1871, delegates met in Wheeling representing five out of the seven Chapters within the limits of that State, formed a Convention, and elected Officers for such a Grand Chapter. I was present by invitation, and, as Grand High Priest of Virginia, organized that Grand Chapter, and installed its Officers. From the zeal displayed and the spirit manifested by all the Companions, as well as from the high character of the worthy Officers elected, I am well assured that this Grand Body will be an honor and a benefit to the cause of Royal Arch Masonry.

"I recommend that, beside carrying out our intention of advising all Chapters within those state limits to connect themselves with this Grand Chapter of West Virginia, two other things be done:

"First. That the Chapters now under Dispensation in West Virginia be permitted, if the Companions of those Chapters desire it, to return their Dispen-sations, and receive Charters from the Grand Chapter of West Virginia; and,

"Secondly. That the dues for the past year, of the several Chapters which have joined in this new organization, be paid over to the Grand Chapter of West Virginia."

The Council Degrees, being considered an adjunct of the Chapter in this Jurisdiction, are creating some trouble:

"I find in our border Chapters some confusion, arising from visiting Companions who have not taken the Council Degrees at all, or who have taken them in separate Councils not acknowledging Chapter authority. If they have never taken them at all, they cannot be present during all of our Chapter work. Our laws would forbid this. If they have taken them in distinct Councils, their own laws forbid them to sit with us when working in the Council Degrees. I would recommend that this matter be brought to the attention of the various Grand Chapters and Grand Councils in this country, and that a committee be appointed for this purpose, in order that we may all possess uniformity in Chapter work:

"With regard to these Chapter Degrees, as compared with more ancient Craft Masonry, we may say that they are not higher degrees, but merely later ones. The five degrees subordinate to the Royal Arch, including the two Council ones, are beautiful and necessary exemplifications of the first three degrees—a rich and copious commentary on a noble text. Or, to carry out the Masonic idea, they are the outer courts and posterns of the glorious Temple erected by Solomon, while the Royal Arch is a degree apart and complete—the end and finish of Masonic knowledge; in a word, the great Fourth Degree, which fills up the square of perfect Masonry; where the lost is found, and the true end attained, and without a knowledge of which the Masonic character can never be entirely complete."

No report on Correspondence. The Chairman, Comp. William B. Isaacs, offers the following apology:

"He is again compelled, by force of circumstances, to throw himself on the indulgence of the Grand Chapter. His public duties and private engage-

ments have been such constant and unceasing consumers of his time, by day and by night, as to prevent him from taking even a cursory glance over the proceedings with which he has been favored. As he advances in years, his engagements appear to increase *pari passu*, and he would respectfully request the Grand Council to relieve him, at least for the present, from further service in this branch of the Royal Art, from which he, personally, has derived so much instruction and pleasure, without, he fears, making a corresponding return, either to this Grand Chapter or to his Companions of the 'reportorial corps.' In asking thus to be relieved, he would beg to say to his fellow members of the 'Mutual Admiration Society,' that he has lost none of his zeal in their cause. While their criticisms have, at times, been severe, doubtless they were deserved; and he begs to return to them, collectively and individually, his thanks for the kindnesses and courtesies he has received at their hands."

M. E. Comp. Robert E. Withers, of Richmond, was elected Grand High Priest; Comp. John Dove, of Richmond, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 40 Chapters; 1,841 members; 15 exalted.

WEST VIRGINIA.

A Convocation of Royal Arch Masons, in response to a call for the formation of a Grand Chapter for West Virginia, convened at Wheeling, December 16, 1871. M. E. Comp. L. A. Luce, of Martinsburg, was elected President, and Comp. O. S. Long, of Wheeling, Secretary. Five Chapters were represented, and the Grand Chapter of West Virginia was organized by the election of M. E. Thomas H. Logan, Grand High Priest; E. Comp. O. S. Long, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Officers were installed by M. E. Comp. John P. Little, Grand High Priest of the State of Virginia, who delivered an address from which we quote the following:

"All Masonic authority is derived authority, and that from some legitimate source. Your various Chapters, having been subordinate to the Grand Chapter of Virginia, were by it released from allegiance, and declared virtually independent; as such you have come together, organized this Grand Chapter for West Virginia, and to it you are now subordinate; this body is now sovereign and supreme. Although you have yourselves constituted this sovereignty, yet remember the duty which as Chapters you owe it; that is, respect for the Grand Chapter and its Officers, and unqualified obedience to the law as expounded by it. Even if at any time its edicts should appear to any of you unjust, remonstrate, but obey."

He advises the Grand Chapter not to become members of the General Grand Chapter, in which we think he errs:

"One thing I warn you against; and that is the seductive influences which may induce you to become a member of the General Grand Chapter, for this will be to give up, in part at least, your sovereignty. It will divide your powers, interfere with your work by depriving you of the Council Degrees, and render you a subordinate body.

"You have been constituted into a Grand Chapter, with full authority to organize Chapters which shall confer the Degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Select and Royal Masters, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch. The members composing your Grand Body have all, by charter, the right to confer all these degrees. These chartered rights cannot be taken away except by the unanimous consent of all the Chapters. And this is in accordance with Masonic law. For, in every Chapter, Grand or Subordinate, we have to deal with two distinct classes of things—matters of Masonry, matters of business. In matters of business the majority rules; in matters of Masonry the majority does not rule; there must be unanimity or no law can exist. As one black ball will reject a candidate, although ninety-nine white balls may be cast for him, so one dissenting Chapter will prevent a change from being made in so important a matter as whether a Masonic Degree shall be conferred or not. Before you can join the General Grand Chapter, and strike out from your work the Council Degrees, every Chapter in your Jurisdiction must give its free consent or the action would not be valid. You cannot part with a portion of your sovereignty, except by the free will and accord of all the sub-sovereignties which constitute your Grand Chapter.

"Your union is a marriage, in which the consent of all parties must be had. Be therefore jealous of your rights, ever maintain your full authority, and do nothing that may in any degree compromise your sovereignty. You are absolute over these six degrees; remain so; and while you extend courtesy to all other Grand Bodies, never give up one particle of right or authority to any organization, however old or however named."

M. E. Comp. Thomas H. Logan, of Wheeling, is Grand High Priest; Comp. Odell S. Long, of Wheeling, Grand Secretary.

Statistics: 5 Chapters; 252 members.

WISCONSIN.

The Annual Convocation was held at Milwaukee, January 16, 1872. M. E. Comp. Joseph Yates, Grand High Priest. Forty-one Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, says:

"We have reason to congratulate ourselves that the year just passed has been one of uninterrupted and almost unprecedented peace and prosperity among the Craft in this Jurisdiction. No cases of difficulty have been brought to my notice, and with very few exceptions only such questions have arisen as could be easily settled by a reference to the Constitution and Resolutions of this Grand Body."

The Grand High Priest found it necessary to appoint a Grand Lecturer, whom he sent forth with the following instructions:

"I enjoined on Comp. Woodhull the necessity of seeing to it that the ritual should be closely adhered to; that simplicity and solemnity should be studied while conferring the several degrees, especially the 5th and 7th, and that they

should be so conferred that, following closely the ritual, a deep and lasting impression should be made on the minds and hearts of candidates passing the Mystic Veil.

"Feeling, also, the importance of his remarks and recommendations in regard to keys and cyphers, I also enjoined on the Grand Lecturer the necessity and importance of destroying all he might be able to obtain, and to impress on the minds of the Companions the impropriety of keeping any such in their possession, being contrary to all the obligations and teachings of Masonry."

Of the General Grand Chapter he says :

"The deliberations were of the most interesting nature, and were characterized by a spirit of forbearance and brotherly love, which was very pleasing to all its members, and not only augurs well, but compels us to believe that it is now firmly rooted in the affections of the Companions all over the land ; that it has become a fixed institution which cannot be overthrown, and to whose resolutions and edicts every Grand Chapter in these United States will ultimately yield obedience."

Comp. J. P. C. Cottrell presents the report on Correspondence, in which he candidly reviews the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters, including Illinois for 1870.

M. E. Comp. C. F. G. Collins, of Beloit, was elected Grand High Priest ; Comp. W. F. Palmer, of Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

Statistics : 42 Chapters ; 2,488 members ; 157 exalted.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES H. MILES,

For the Committee.

On motion of Comp. John C. Smith, it was

Voted, That a Charter issue to Chenoa Chapter, No. 143, free of charge.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year :

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

M. E. Comps. James A. Hawley, Augustus A. Murray, and John M. Pearson.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

M. E. Comp. James H. Miles, Comps. Wilson Hoag and P. W. Barclay.

Comp. A. N. Lodge offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which being put to vote was lost, viz. :

Amend Section 3, Article 1, by striking out Thursday after the fourth Tuesday in October, and insert Thursday preceding the first Tuesday in October.

Comp. James A. Locke presented the following amendment to Resolution No. 21, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, viz. :

Resolved, That Resolution No. 21 be so amended as to read as follows : " That any Companion shall have the right at any time to object to the advancement of a candidate, and said objection shall have the same effect as a black ball."

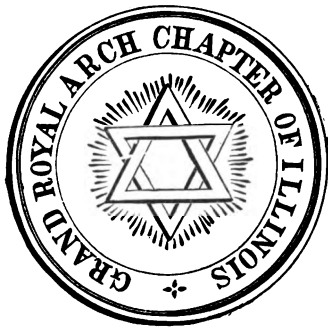
The Committee on Jurisprudence subsequently made the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Illinois :

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence fraternally report that they most cordially approve the resolution offered by Comp. Locke referred to them, and recommend that the same be adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

A. A. MURRAY, }
J. M. PEARSON, } *Committee.*
O. H. MINER, }



No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois was closed in Ample Form, to meet again in the city of Chicago, on Thursday, the 30th day of October, A. D. 1873, A. I. 2403, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

James A. Miles

Grand Secretary.

A P P E N D I X .

RESOLUTIONS IN FORCE.

1. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, the Chapter Degrees cannot legally be conferred upon a Master Mason having but one arm.—1852.

2. *Resolved*, That profanity ought not to be tolerated among Masons.

3. *Resolved*, That the suspension or expulsion of a Royal Arch Mason from a Master's Lodge shall operate as a suspension or expulsion from a Chapter within this State during the continuance of such sentence.—1852.

4. [Repealed 1869.]

5. *Resolved*, That the cardinal virtues of Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice, are dependent upon the maintenance of the cardinal virtue of Temperance; that every intemperate man is liable to lose that fortitude which might never forsake him in his hours of sobriety; nor can any such man be either prudent or just.—1856.

6. *Resolved*, That the Subordinate Chapters are hereby strongly urged to root out the evil of intemperance from among them, and to exercise a wholesome, prompt, and efficient discipline upon the subject.—1856.

7. *Resolved*, That no Mason should advance in the degrees until he has exhibited a knowledge of all the preceding degrees, sufficient to make himself well known as such; and the several Chapters in Illinois are hereby instructed to require the same of all candidates who present themselves for advancement.—1856.

8. *Resolved*, That by ancient regulations Chapters, until regularly constituted, have no right to be represented.—1856.

9. *Resolved*, That the M. F. Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests be requested hereafter carefully to examine into all circumstances regarding the proposed location of all new Chapters for which dispensations may be prayed; and only grant dispensations when, in their opinion, the interests of the Royal Craft strictly require it, and only appoint to the first three offices of such new Chapters Companions who have attained a proper degree of proficiency in the work and lectures of the several degrees.—1856.

10. *Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter instruct its Subordinates to comply with the resolution of the General Grand Chapter in regard to the Past Master's Degree.—1856.

11. *Resolved*, That each Chapter in this Jurisdiction be required to furnish the Grand Secretary with a list of the officers elect, immediately after each annual election.—1858.

12. *Resolved*, That no Chapter, or officer or member thereof, shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation to enable a Mason of any degree to proceed from Chapter to Chapter as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to Chapters for relief.—1858.

13. [Repealed 1872.]

14. [Repealed 1872.]

15. [Repealed 1872.]

16. *Resolved*, That the several Chapters in this State are prohibited from conferring any degrees upon non-affiliated Master Masons.—1859.

17. *Resolved*, That no agreements made in relation to Jurisdiction between Subordinate Chapters will be recognized hereafter by this Grand Body, but that Jurisdiction will be left to distance only.—1860.

18. *Resolved, unanimously*, That hereafter all dues from Subordinate Chapters be paid in gold and silver and United States legal-tender notes, and that all orders upon the treasury be paid in the same.—1862.

19. *Resolved*, That no person will hereafter be allowed to act as a proxy unless he has a proxy in writing, signed by the High Priest, King, or Scribe, and under his or their seals.—1861.

20. *Resolved*, That the conferring of the R. A. degree on less than three actual candidates at a time, is hereby expressly forbidden by this Grand Chapter.—1866.

21. *Resolved*, That any Companion shall have the right, at any time, to object to the advancement of a candidate in his Chapter, and said objection shall have the same effect as a black ball.—1867-72.

22. *Resolved*, That the conferring of the Royal Arch degree on less than three actual candidates at a time, is hereby expressly forbidden by this Grand Chapter; and if any Chapter violates this resolution it shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest at once to arrest its charter.—1867.

23. *Resolved*, That all Chapters within this Grand Jurisdiction are hereby directed to confer the degree of Past Master on *all* candidates before advancing to the M. E. M. degree.—1867.

24. *Resolved*, That no applicant for the Chapter degrees, if rejected, shall be allowed to present his petition the second time, until the expiration of twelve months from the date of such rejection.—1867.

25. *Resolved*, That every Chapter under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall, at least thirty days before its annual Grand Convocation, transmit to the Grand Secretary, by mail or otherwise, the annual return of such Chapter, signed by the High Priest, and attested under the seal of the Chapter and hand of the Secretary. And if any Chapter shall neglect to forward such returns to the Grand Secretary as above required, it shall forfeit the mileage and per diem of its representative: *Provided*, that for good and sufficient reasons the Grand Chapter may remit such penalty.—1867.

26. *Resolved*, That the work and ritual as prepared by the Committee on Work be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the work and ritual of this Grand Chapter.—1868.

27. *Resolved*, That the work and ritual now adopted, when promulgated, shall be the only work and ritual to be used in any Royal Arch Chapter in this Jurisdiction.—1868.

28. *Resolved*, That each Subordinate Chapter, within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall purge itself of intemperance and profanity; and that it be the duty of this Grand Chapter to arrest the charter of any Chapter failing to comply with this resolution.—1868.

29. *Resolved*, That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter so interpret Section 7 of Article 3 of the Constitution, as to make it obligatory upon Chapters to give notice of rejections, expulsions and suspensions, in like manner and to the same extent as is now done by the Lodges.—1868.

30. *Resolved*, That candidates for promotion be required to pass a thorough examination on the preceding degree, in open Lodge or Chapter, before being advanced.—1868.

31. *Resolved*, That every petitioner for the Chapter degrees be required hereafter to state in his petition whether or not he has ever before petitioned for the Chapter degrees within this Jurisdiction, and if so to what Chapter, and the result of the same; and in case such petition has been rejected, he shall not be received unless recommended by a unanimous vote of the Chapter rejecting him.

FORMS.

No. I.

PROXY OF HIGH PRIEST, KING, OR SCRIBE.

I, A B, —— of —— Chapter No. —, do hereby appoint Companion C D my representative in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois, at the next Annual Convocation, to be held in ——, on the Thursday after the fourth Tuesday in October, A. D. 18—, empowering him to act on my behalf; hereby ratifying and confirming whatever he may lawfully do in said capacity.

[SEAL.]

No. II.

PROXY OF HIGH PRIEST, KING, OR SCRIBE, OR ANY TWO OF THEM.

We, the High Priest, King, and Scribe of —— Chapter No. —, do hereby appoint Companion A B our representative in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois, at the next Annual Convocation, to be held in ——, on the Friday after the first Tuesday in October, A. D. 18—, empowering him to act on our behalf; hereby ratifying and confirming whatsoever may be lawfully done in the premises.

Given under our hands and seals, at ——, Illinois, this — day of ——, A. D. 18—.

H. P. [SEAL.]

K. [SEAL.]

S. [SEAL.]

No. III.

FORM OF PETITION FOR CHAPTER DEGREES.

To the M. E. High Priest, E. King, E. Scribe, and Companions of —— Chapter No. —, Royal Arch Masons:

The subscriber, a Master Mason in good standing, and a member of —— Lodge No. —, A. F. & A. Masons, respectfully prays that the degrees conferred in your Chapter may be conferred upon him if found worthy. He resides at ——; his occupation [or business] [or profession] is that of a ——.

Recommended by Comps.

——, A. L. 58—.

} Signed,

A B.

(See Resolution No. 31.)

No. IV.

FORM OF PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

To the M. E. High Priest, E. King, E. Scribe, and Companions of ——— Chapter No. —, Royal Arch Masons:

The subscriber, a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, not now a member of any Chapter, is desirous of becoming a member of your Chapter, if found worthy. He resides in ———; occupation [or profession] ———.

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| Recommended by Comps. | } | Signed, | A B. |
| C D. | | | |
| E F. | | | |

———, A. L. 58—.

No. V.

FORM OF DIMIT.

To all Royal Arch Masons to whom this may come, the M. E. High Priest, E. King, E. Scribe, and Companions of ——— Chapter No. —, send fraternal salutations:

Know Ye, that Comp. ———, a member of said Chapter, in good standing, and clear of the Chapter books, at his request, is duly dimitted from said membership.

Done in open Chapter, this — day of ———, A. L. 58—, as witness my hand and the seal of said Chapter.

[SEAL.]

Attest: ———, Secretary.

———, H. P.

No. VI.

FORM OF PETITION FOR DISPENSATION FOR NEW CHAPTER.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois:

The undersigned, Royal Arch Masons in good standing, are desirous of forming a new Chapter, to be named ———. Therefore, with the approbation of ——— Chapter No. —, we respectfully pray for a dispensation empowering us to meet as a regular Chapter, at ———, on the — of each month. We do nominate and recommend Comp. ——— to be the first High Priest; Comp. ——— to be the first King, and Comp. ——— to be the first Scribe of said Chapter. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise a strict obedience to the commands of the Grand High Priest, and to the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand and General Grand Chapters.

———, A. L. 58—, A. D. 18—.

N. B.—This petition must be signed by nine Royal Arch Masons.

No. VII.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF A CHAPTER CONSENTING TO THE FORMATION OF
A NEW CHAPTER, AND RECOMMENDING THE PETITIONERS—TO BE
INDORSED ON THE PETITION.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois :

This certifies that the High Priest, King, Scribe and Companions of ———
Chapter No. —, are satisfied with the proposal of the Companions herein named
to form a new Chapter in ———. They recommend them to the M. E. Grand
High Priest as Royal Arch Masons in good standing ; and, not doubting that
they will be more useful in a new Chapter, their petition is approved, and it is
recommended that its prayer be granted.

Done at a regular meeting of ——— Chapter No. —, ———, A. L. 58—.

[SEAL.]

———, H. P.

Attest : ——— Secretary of ——— Chapter No. —.

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

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| M. E. JAMES V. Z. BLANEY, | No. 2..Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " LEVI LUSK, | " 9..Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " LOUIS WATSON, | " 5..Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " IRA A. W. BUCK, | " 22..Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " EDWARD M. M. CLARKE, | " 3..Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " HIRAM W. HUBBARD, | " 93..Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " WILEY M. EGAN, | " 43..Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " LOYAL L. MUNN, | " 28..Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " ORLIN H. MINER, | " 1..Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " JAMES H. MILES, | " 2..Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " JOHN M. PEARSON, | " 8..Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " AUGUSTUS A. MURRAY, | " 21..Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " JAMES A. HAWLEY, | " 56..Past Grand High Priest. |
| " " ASA W. BLAKESLEY, | " 5..Grand High Priest. |
| " " CHARLES W. MATHENY, | " 1..Past Dep'y Grand High Priest. |
| " " JAMES C. LUCKEY, | " 61..Past Dep'y Grand High Priest. |
| " " GEORGE E. LOUNSBURY, | " 74..Deputy Grand High Priest. |
| " " THOMAS J. WADE, | " 37..Past Grand King. |
| " " WILLIAM J. A. DELANCY, | " 93..Grand King. |
| " " PETER SWEAT, | " 7..Past Grand Scribe. |
| " " T. S. HAZEN, | " 6..Past Grand Scribe. |
| " " JAMES STEELE, | " 32..Past Grand Scribe. |
| " " HASWELL C. CLARKE, | " 78..Grand Scribe. |

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ILLINOIS NEAR OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS.

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| <i>Iowa</i> | COMP. H. H. HEMENWAY. |
| <i>Louisiana</i> | COMP. JAMES C. BATCHELER. |
| <i>Maine</i> | COMP. JOHN W. BALLOU. |
| <i>Missouri</i> | COMP. GEORGE F. GOULEY. |
| <i>Mississippi</i> | COMP. WILLIAM COCHRAN. |
| <i>New York</i> | COMP. J. F. FERGUSON. |
| <i>Ontario, Canada</i> | COMP. ROBERT RUMSEY. |
| <i>Oregon</i> | COMP. R. P. EARHART. |

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND CHAPTERS NEAR THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ILLINOIS.

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| <i>Iowa</i> | COMP. LOYAL L. MUNN. |
| <i>Kansas</i> | COMP. ASA W. BLAKESLEY. |
| <i>Louisiana</i> | COMP. ORLIN H. MINER. |
| <i>Maine</i> | COMP. WILEY M. EGAN. |
| <i>Minnesota</i> | COMP. JOHN C. BAKER. |
| <i>Mississippi</i> | COMP. JOHN M. PEARSON. |
| <i>Missouri</i> | COMP. JAMES H. MILES. |
| <i>New York</i> | COMP. ORLIN H. MINER. |
| <i>Oregon</i> | COMP. JAMES H. MILES. |

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ORGANIZATIONS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ILLINOIS.

| No. | NAME. | LOCATION. | COUNTY. | HIGH PRIEST. | SECRETARY. | TIME OF MEETING. | WHEN CHARTERED. |
|-----|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Springfield | Springfield | Sangamon | Charles Fisher | John B. Saye | Fourth Monday | October 14th, 1850. |
| 2 | La Fayette | Chicago | Cook | Samuel Brown | E. N. Tucker | Second and fourth Mondays | " " |
| 3 | Jacksonville | Jacksonville | Morgan | Alfred Brougard | C. M. Fames | Second and fourth Mondays | " " |
| 4 | Horeb | Henderson | Knox | A. J. McMurtry | J. M. Witt | Saturday on or before full moon. | " " |
| 5 | Quincy | Quincy | Adams | G. M. Evatt | John W. Brown | Last Tuesday | " " |
| 6 | Peoria | Peoria | Peoria | John C. Yates | J. E. Pillsbury | First Thursday | " " |
| 7 | Alton | Alton | Madison | Isaac E. Hardy | Frank H. Ferguson | Friday on or before full moon. | " " |
| 8 | Union | Pittsfield | Pike | Joseph J. Topliff | Wm. H. Johnston | Thursday on or before full moon. | " " |
| 9 | Meredosia | Meredosia | Morgan | A. W. Gould | Charles Heinz | Monday on or after full moon. | " " |
| 10 | Mt. Zion | Geneseo | Henry | Chas. R. Demming | P. H. Sniff | Second Tuesday | October 3d, 1851. |
| 11 | Euclid | Naperville | Du Page | M. S. Ellsworth | Clinton Beach | Second and fourth Fridays | September 30th, 1852. |
| 12 | Fox River | St. Charles | Kane | Henry B. Pierce | M. Quackenbush | Second and fourth Tuesdays | " " |
| 13 | Franklin | Upper Alton | Madison | T. P. Verkes | F. F. Merrill | Friday on or before full moon. | September 29th, 1853. |
| 14 | Herman | Hennepin | Putnam | Joseph Holland | C. Bodener | Second Thursday | " " |
| 15 | Illinois | Keithsburg | Mercer | Chas. A. Mertz | C. A. Frick | Thursday before the full moon. | " " |
| 16 | Barrett | Rock Island | Rock Island | H. C. Cleveland | M. T. Wiser | First and third Tuesdays | September 28th, 1854. |
| 17 | Morse | Macomb | McDonough | F. R. Kyle | Joseph Burton | Second Friday | " " |
| 18 | Lusk | Vermont | Fulton | H. S. Jacobs | Geo. S. Durfee | First and third Wednesdays | " " |
| 19 | Macon | Decatur | Macon | A. A. Murray | Wm. J. Pollock | First and third Tuesdays | " " |
| 20 | Aurora | Freeport | Kane | James Walker | H. N. Conkrite | Second and fourth Mondays | " " |
| 21 | Freeport | Rockford | Stephenson | S. H. Polly | W. T. Hyde | First and third Tuesdays | September 27th, 1855. |
| 22 | Winnebago | Pekin | Winnebago | S. W. Stanley | John D. Fowler | First and third Wednesdays | October 2d, 1856. |
| 23 | Bloomington | Bloomington | McLean | Benj. R. Baughen | Wm. F. Saylor | First and third Mondays | " " |
| 24 | Joliet | Joliet | Will | David G. Wells | William Bacon | Thursday on or before full moon. | " " |
| 25 | Princeton | Princeton | Bureau | Clark Gray | Joseph J. Hocking | Second and fourth Mondays | " " |
| 26 | Clarke | Beardstown | Cass | Cyrus Andrews | Rich. Wagstaff | Second Friday | " " |
| 27 | Warren | Monmouth | Warren | M. Holliday | H. H. C. Miller | Second and fourth Tuesdays | " " |
| 28 | Orient | Morris | Grundy | L. P. Lott | Henry C. Boyls | Monday on or before full moon | " " |
| 29 | Edgar | Paris | Edgar | D. M. Weider | John M. Ferris | First Thursday | October 3d, 1856. |
| 30 | Carthage | Carthage | Hancock | W. C. Hooker | C. B. Jones | First and third Tuesdays | " " |
| 31 | Harmony | Sumner | Lawrence | N. B. Huff | G. R. Bassett | Second and fourth Mondays | October 2d, 1857. |
| 32 | Woodstock | Woodstock | McHenry | Leander Church | | | |

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ORGANIZATIONS — CONTINUED.

| No. | NAME. | LOCATION. | COUNTY. | HIGH PRIEST. | SECRETARY. | TIME OF MEETING. | WHEN CHARTERED. |
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| 37 | Shabbona | Ottawa | La Salle | Wm. S. Easton | E. L. Herrick | First and third Wednesdays | October 2d, 1857. |
| 38 | Richland | Onaway | Richland | Wright Kenner | J. C. Upton | First and third Wednesdays | October 2d, 1857. |
| 41 | Waukegan | Waukegan | Lake | Daniel Brewster | H. C. Hutchinson | Second and fourth Fridays | October 1st, 1858. |
| 43 | Washington | Chicago | Cook | John H. Sanborn | John Whitley | First and third Fridays | " |
| 44 | Duquoin | Quincy | Perry | H. W. Johnson | Wm. Elstine | Second Monday | " |
| 45 | Egyptian | Jonesboro | Union | C. Kirkpatrick | M. M. Inman | First Friday | " |
| 46 | Galesburg | Galesburg | Knox | Wm. Livingston | D. C. Brown | First and third Tuesdays | " |
| 47 | Kewanee | Kewanee | Henry | Chauncey Bassett | H. C. Parker | First and third Tuesdays | October 3d, 1859. |
| 48 | Markwell | Monticello | Platt | Charles Watts | S. B. Webster | Thursday on or before full moon | " |
| 49 | Sycamore | Sycamore | De Kalb | John S. Harroun | Frank Smith | Second and fourth Mondays | " |
| 50 | Champaign | Champaign | Champaign | H. J. Dunlap | John B. Weeks | Third Monday | " |
| 51 | Jo Daviess | Galena | Jo Daviess | J. C. Smith | S. O. Stillman | Second and fourth Thursdays | " |
| 52 | De Kalb | De Kalb | De Kalb | P. W. Vaughan | John E. Brock | First and third Fridays | " |
| 53 | Keystone | Cardinville | Macoupin | F. A. Steward | F. B. Buck | Friday of or after full moon | " |
| 54 | Burke | Charleston | Coles | Samuel Livingston | E. F. Campbell | First Thursday | " |
| 55 | Jackson | Shelbyville | Shelby | J. W. Johnson | W. S. Peables | First and third Tuesdays | " |
| 56 | Natchua | Dixon | Lee | Orvis B. Dodge | Saml. S. Peables | First and third Mondays | " |
| 57 | Steering | Steering | Whiteside | C. C. Halladay | W. S. Peables | First Wednesday | " |
| 58 | Comon | Clinton | La Salle | Edwin G. Allen | C. B. Clugston | Saturday succeeding Lodge | September 28th, 1860. |
| 59 | Goodbrake | Clinton | De Witt | W. H. Taylor | J. Freudenstein | First Tuesday | " |
| 60 | Pert | Pert | La Salle | R. C. Haenhauer | Chas. Brunner | Second Thursday | " |
| 61 | Tyran | Polo | Ogle | S. W. Clark | S. H. Shoop | Monday of each week | " |
| 62 | Lebanon | Lebanon | St. Clair | Geo. F. Monk | W. C. L. Liggett | First and third Tuesdays | September 27th, 1861. |
| 63 | Montgomery | Hillsboro | Montgomery | Isaac H. Shimer | Samuel Young | First and third Fridays | October 10th, 1862. |
| 64 | Salem | Salem | Marion | J. M. Morrow | C. D. Gresham | First and third Fridays | " |
| 65 | Bent | Bent | Platt | W. A. Pierce | Geo. J. Lesure | Wednesday on or before full moon | October 7th, 1864. |
| 66 | Tuscola | Tuscola | Douglas | P. C. Sloan | A. H. Elkin | First and third Fridays | " |
| 67 | Vienna | Vienna | Johnson | John S. Crum | S. Jackson | First Monday | " |
| 68 | Canton | Canton | Fulton | Sylvester Stevens | J. C. Brinkerhoff | Friday on or before full moon | " |
| 69 | Corinthian | Chicago | Cook | John Woodman | J. C. Dickinson | Second and fourth Friday | " |
| 70 | Marshall | Marshall | Cook | J. W. Wilkin | F. V. Anderson | Friday on or before full moon | " |
| 71 | Cairo | Cairo | Alexander | P. W. Barclay | P. Kormeyer | Third Tuesday | " |
| 72 | Augusta | Augusta | Hancock | H. G. Dearborn | P. F. Newcomb, Jr. | Tuesday on or before full moon | " |
| 73 | Lansing | Marengo | McHenry | Ira R. Curtiss | S. J. James | Second Wednesday | October 6th, 1865. |
| 74 | Mound | Mound City | Pulaski | O. Wilson | J. A. Vaughn | Second Thursday | " |
| 75 | Reynolds | Carbondale | Jackson | Saml. Michaelis | John S. Bridges | First and third Tuesdays | " |
| 76 | Nason | Nason | Efingham | James R. Scott | Oliver Jones | Thursday after full moon | " |
| 77 | Carrollton | Carrollton | Greene | George W. Davis | Wm. L. Orr | Second Monday | " |
| 78 | Kankakee | Kankakee | Kankakee | F. S. Hatch | E. B. Warriner | Second and fourth Tuesdays | " |
| 79 | Mendota | Mendota | La Salle | J. W. Edwards | Saml. Hastings | Second Thursday | " |

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| 80 | Urbana..... | Urbana..... | Champaign..... | Edward Blackshaw..... | Fred. E. Enbeling..... | Second Saturday..... | October 6th, 1865. |
| 81 | Louisville..... | Louisville..... | Clay..... | C. D. Kendall..... | H. H. Rayburn..... | Friday on or before full moon..... | " " |
| 82 | Vermilion..... | Danville..... | Vermilion..... | J. I. Culbertson..... | A. S. W. Hawes..... | Second Monday..... | " " |
| 83 | Carmi..... | Carmi..... | White..... | Geo. W. Staley..... | Donatus Bater..... | Second and fourth Saturdays..... | " " |
| 84 | H. G. Reynolds..... | Kaskaskia..... | Randolph..... | Wm. H. House..... | Wm. Kemp..... | Fourth Wednesday..... | " " |
| 85 | Mattoon..... | Mattoon..... | Coles..... | L. M. Hillier..... | E. A. Wallace..... | First Friday..... | " " |
| 86 | Havana..... | Havana..... | Mason..... | W. M. B. Cooper..... | Wm. McPherson..... | Monday on or before full moon..... | " " |
| 87 | Effingham..... | Effingham..... | Effingham..... | George Wike..... | W. G. Hubbard..... | First and second Wednesdays..... | " " |
| 88 | Barry..... | Barry..... | Pike..... | Wm. S. Pease..... | Louis Krughoff..... | First and third Wednesdays..... | " " |
| 89 | Nashville..... | Nashville..... | Washington..... | A. W. Burnside..... | Geo. B. Ames..... | Tuesday on or after full moon..... | October 5th, 1866. |
| 90 | Kishwaukee..... | Belvidere..... | Boone..... | J. M. Stout..... | Alexander Barr..... | First and third Wednesdays..... | " " |
| 91 | Auburn..... | Auburn..... | Sangamon..... | Henry L. Rhodes..... | Cy. D. Fletcher..... | Monday on or after full moon..... | " " |
| 92 | Centralla..... | Centralla..... | Marion..... | G. W. Hartman..... | J. W. Scott..... | Second and fourth Mondays..... | " " |
| 93 | Homer..... | Homer..... | Champaign..... | D. M. Eiker..... | J. W. Semple..... | First and third Tuesdays..... | " " |
| 94 | Rabboni..... | Knoxville..... | Knox..... | T. E. Lawrence..... | M. N. Frederick..... | Monday on or before full moon..... | " " |
| 95 | L. L. Munn..... | Elgin..... | Kane..... | J. B. Miles..... | John Birkey..... | First and third Tuesdays..... | " " |
| 96 | Tazewell..... | Washington..... | Tazewell..... | Benj. Kersey..... | J. W. Hensley..... | Wednesday on or before full moon..... | " " |
| 97 | Eureka..... | Yates City..... | Knox..... | John Zimmerman..... | James M. Burkhardt..... | First and third Wednesdays..... | " " |
| 98 | Fairbury..... | Fairbury..... | Livingston..... | Augustus A. Lodge..... | Smith Olney..... | Fourth Friday..... | " " |
| 99 | Marion..... | Marion..... | Williamson..... | Wm. H. Scott..... | Wm. M. Murphy..... | First Friday..... | " " |
| 100 | Metropolitan..... | Metropolis..... | Massac..... | O. P. Squier..... | Robert W. Orr..... | Second Friday..... | " " |
| 101 | Taylorville..... | Taylorville..... | Christian..... | James Douglas..... | Wm. P. Askins..... | First Monday..... | " " |
| 102 | Staley..... | Sparta..... | Adams..... | A. S. McDowell..... | B. W. McCoy..... | Third Monday..... | " " |
| 103 | Clayton..... | Clayton..... | Stephenson..... | F. W. Byers..... | Jno. M. Schermerhorn..... | Second Tuesday..... | " " |
| 104 | Lena..... | Lena..... | St. Clair..... | A. S. Wilderman..... | Alex. B. Russell..... | First and third Saturdays..... | October 4th, 1867. |
| 105 | Belleville..... | Belleville..... | De Kalb..... | Geo. W. Culver..... | Geo. E. Kennedy..... | First and third Tuesdays..... | " " |
| 106 | Sandwich..... | Sandwich..... | Whiteside..... | Abraham Sallee..... | John Phelps..... | Wednesday on or before full moon..... | " " |
| 107 | Fulton..... | Fulton..... | Jasper..... | J. H. Maxwell..... | W. S. Heath..... | Wednesday after full moon..... | " " |
| 108 | Newton..... | Newton..... | Woodford..... | John W. Page..... | Peter Ancker..... | First Thursday..... | " " |
| 109 | Woodford..... | Metamora..... | Hancock..... | B. F. Newton..... | Jonathan Rice..... | Saturday after full moon..... | " " |
| 110 | Dallas..... | Dallas..... | La Salle..... | S. S. Chapman..... | W. E. Frink..... | Thursday on or before full moon..... | " " |
| 111 | New Rutland..... | New Rutland..... | Ford..... | Solomon J. Toy..... | T. W. Chamberlin..... | Second and fourth Tuesdays..... | " " |
| 112 | Ford..... | Paxton..... | La Salle..... | D. Morgan..... | Thos. S. Arnold..... | Second and fourth Wednesdays..... | " " |
| 113 | Watseka..... | Watseka..... | Iroquois..... | Samuel W. Bird..... | Samuel P. Mooney..... | First and third Fridays..... | October 9th, 1868. |
| 114 | Pana..... | Pana..... | Christian..... | Return H. Deming..... | Thomas Blair..... | Tuesday after full moon..... | " " |
| 115 | Staunton..... | Staunton..... | Macoupin..... | N. P. Keyes..... | F. J. Filbert..... | First and third Tuesdays..... | " " |
| 116 | Palatine..... | Palatine..... | Cook..... | N. Michael..... | Milton Grimes..... | Saturday of full moon..... | " " |
| 117 | Milton..... | Milton..... | Pike..... | H. Hamilton..... | J. G. Strodtman..... | Second Monday..... | " " |
| 118 | De Witt..... | Petersburg..... | Menard..... | P. B. Updike..... | C. M. Gillfillen..... | Second and fourth Tuesdays..... | " " |
| 119 | Elliott..... | Litchfield..... | Montgomery..... | | | | " " |
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| 121 | Mt. Pulaski | Mt. Pulaski | Logan | Albert C. Wilson | Frank Sloan | First Monday | October 9th, 1868. |
| 122 | Odin | Odin | Marion | Thos. J. Whitehead | A. W. Woodward | Fourth Tuesday | " " |
| 123 | Chillicothe | Chillicothe | Perria | William McLean | H. A. Hunter | Friday on or before full moon | " " |
| 124 | Sangamon | Dawson | Sangamon | Jas. W. Wilson | John Billington | Saturday after full moon | " " |
| 125 | Willey M. Egan | Kansas | Edgar | Charles Van Campen | Chas. G. Howell | Thursday on or before full moon | " " |
| 126 | Chicago | Chicago | Cook | W. A. Stevens | Elit Smith | Friday of each month | " " |
| 127 | Sullivan | Sullivan | Cook | George F. Millen | John Bunyan | First and third Mondays | " " |
| 128 | Nath'n Whitney | Franklin Grove | Moultrie | Peter C. Rooney | Philip Runyan | First and third Fridays | " " |
| 129 | Nickey | El Paso | Woodford | Jas. Thompson | P. H. Thompsons | First Tuesday | " " |
| 130 | Payson | Payson | Adams | George Morris | Jacob Ulrich | Saturday on or before full moon | " " |
| 131 | Grand | Grand | Macoupin | Fountain Jones | H. O. Bailey | Thursday on or after full moon | " " |
| 132 | Wyoming | Wyoming | Stark | J. W. Agard | H. A. Rolst | Second and fourth Friday | " " |
| 133 | La Harpe | La Harpe | Hancock | James Mayor | E. Z. Hills | Saturday after new and full moon | " " |
| 134 | Perry | Perry | Pike | H. Dunn | A. D. C. Hume | Monday after full moon | October 8th, 1869. |
| 135 | Vandalia | Vandalia | Fayette | R. T. Higgins | A. D. C. Hume | Monday after full moon | " " |
| 136 | Mt. Sterling | Mt. Sterling | Brown | A. A. Glenn | Sam'l S. Brooks | Tuesday on or before full moon | " " |
| 137 | Kedron | Mt. Auburn | Christian | R. P. Wales | M. E. Harnish | Second and fourth Wednesdays | " " |
| 138 | Lanark | Lanark | Carroll | Morris K. Locke | M. D. Robbins | Second and fourth Tuesdays | October 7th, 1870. |
| 139 | Jerseyville | Jerseyville | Jersey | E. C. Pace | C. E. Hammond | First Monday after full moon | " " |
| 140 | Ashley | Ashley | Washington | Wm. H. Odell | E. B. Fisher | First Friday | " " |
| 141 | Wilmington | Wilmington | Will | C. S. Elder | J. S. Colter | First and third Fridays | " " |
| 142 | Chenoa | Chenoa | McLean | Orris French | Chas. Raymond | First and third Tuesdays | " " |
| 143 | Evanson | Evanson | Cook | A. P. Wright | J. B. Lewis | First and third Fridays | " " |
| 144 | Odell | Odell | Madison | S. V. Crossman | A. P. Wolf | First and third Saturdays | " " |
| 145 | Edwardsville | Edwardsville | Livingston | J. F. Benner | F. S. Sellez | First Monday | October 6th, 1871. |
| 146 | Lincoln | Lincoln | Cook | Geo. F. Letz | Charles Perkins | Fourth Tuesday | " " |
| 147 | Union Park | Chicago | Logan | Jas. M. Jarrett | Ethelbert Callahan | First and third Thursdays | " " |
| 148 | Robinson | Robinson | Cumberland | J. F. McCann | J. H. Hubbard | First Saturday after full moon | " " |
| 149 | Neoga | Neoga | Crawford | J. E. Thorp | J. E. Hitt | Tuesday on or before full moon | " " |
| 150 | Rock River | Oregon | Ogle | Francis J. Russell | E. C. Cushman | Second and third Tuesdays | " " |
| 151 | Tecumseh | Hamilton | Hancock | A. P. Forsyth | H. D. Williams | First and third Tuesdays | October 24th, 1872. |
| 152 | Oakland | Oakland | Coles | P. J. Raymond | Matthew Law | Wednesday on or before full moon | " " |
| 153 | Flora | Flora | Clay | | | Friday before full moon | " " |
| 154 | | | | | | | " " |

EXALTATIONS.

- SPRINGFIELD No. 1.—J. J. Broughall, F. H. Burrows, J. H. Fancher, R. H. Moon, F. H. Payne.
- LAFAYETTE No. 2.—Charles Chamberlin, D. C. Cregier, D. H. Kilmore, C. R. Matson, William F. Petillon, C. F. Shehan.
- JACKSONVILLE No. 3.—C. T. Davenport, W. O. Dresback, S. A. Fairbank, Robert A. Gee, Jonathan Gill, A. M. Hannaford, John Howard, J. R. Megginson, Daniel Schuler.
- QUINCY No. 5.—L. J. Allen, C. A. D. Brink, William Fletcher, T. L. Holmes, J. W. Heedeman, William Tausman.
- PEORIA No. 7.—J. B. Barnes, F. Hitchcock, C. J. Off, Edw. Palmer, G. Weigard, Ralph Wolf.
- ALTON No. 8.—H. E. Bayle, C. W. Milnor, G. L. McDonaugle.
- UNION No. 10.—R. M. Atkinson, B. B. Berry, F. M. Cassel, Mason Hatch, Thomas Gray, Thornton Johnston, D. E. Logan, J. J. Morrow, L. C. Pullian, G. W. Rogers, A. Simpkins, W. T. Smith.
- MEREDOSIA No. 11.—William Bennie, John Pope, John Wayman.
- HERMAN No. 16.—John Crooks, And. Dean, T. J. Nicholl.
- ILLINOIS No. 17.—C. A. Mertz, O. H. Russell, L. L. Troy.
- BARRETT No. 18.—John E. Brady, J. M. Bellows, J. T. Dixon, David Dow, F. Merryman, J. M. Montgomery, Robert McMann, J. W. Morey, John Seigrist, Jr., J. G. Salisbury, J. W. Whitmarsh, M. T. Wiser.
- LUSK No. 20.—F. Chandler, L. Cassaday, W. W. Farris, S. Hamer, F. C. B. Hodgden, Jackson Kimble, P. S. Little, J. B. LeMatty, O. P. Randolph, William T. Stephens, J. Wiley, C. Zoll.
- MACON No. 21.—A. S. Corson, John A. Lafever, J. L. Morgan.
- AURORA No. 22.—S. D. Breer, F. L. Bartlett, E. N. Blakesley, W. S. Beaupre, W. D. Clark, Robert M. Cherry, C. A. Davis, O. W. Dean, J. H. Haley, C. F. Jaurette, J. E. Kirkpatrick, Frank Lebrick, E. Meredith, Charles Maher, E. B. Mix, James Powell, J. C. Porter, T. J. Stuckey.
- FREEPORT No. 23.—H. L. Black, B. F. Bradshaw, Thomas Carroll, J. Cavanaugh, Ed. Egan, J. S. Gates, J. H. Herbert, Jr., W. W. Moore, Thomas Manion, Joseph Rhodes, J. M. Sawyer, W. O. Wright.
- WINNEBAGO No. 24.—W. Allen, E. S. Bartholomew, N. E. Benoist, A. Crill, J. E. Edwards, J. French, L. A. Fabrick, T. Kerr, J. T. Lakin, P. A. Marsh, C. D. Mowry, W. J. Marsh, Seely Perry, H. W. Price, E. Woodward.
- JOLIET No. 27.—E. M. Gilbert, Truman A. Mason, Ralph W. Marshall, Jonathan J. Mather, T. R. Stearns, E. Van Buren.

- PRINCETON No. 28.—L. B. Adams, Van S. Bartian, C. G. Cushing, R. B. Foster, John Pickles, L. J. Wilkinson.
- CLARKE No. 29.—Ames B. Combs, John P. Riggs, James S. Wilson.
- WARREN No. 30.—Charles Allen, Clark Bone, D. Diffenbaugh, F. A. Lincoln, Marshall James, William Mitchell, James Patterson, J. Wright, Robert Wagstaff.
- ORIENT No. 31.—George R. Beach, C. E. Daniels, Fletcher Deist, J. H. Harvey, George Gaskill, A. E. Palmer.
- EDGAR No. 32.—Henry Barth, Jr., John Bogle, A. B. Chilcoat, M. J. L. Clark, William Hartley, John S. Hartley, John C. Jones, John Hispert, S. P. Link, R. McMullen, W. Perrott, John Starr, W. A. Shrader, Henry M. Swisher, Daniel W. Smith, Philip Thompson, Benjamin F. Waldrup, J. W. Wynn.
- CARTHAGE No. 33.—A. K. Coffman, W. H. D. Noyes, W. T. Saunders.
- HARMONY No. 35.—Owen D. Baker, Philip G. Byram, William T. Chipman, Joseph Eason, Jacob M. Eberly, J. Foster, Robert S. Gordon, E. C. Litherland, George W. Petty, David Smith, Scuyler Sumner, A. H. Terrell.
- SHABBONA No. 37.—Charles W. Cook, Alois Fussel, Michael Huthmaker, Oscar F. Lund, Daniel E. C. Sleigle, Henry J. Waite.
- RICHLAND No. 38.—John Barlow, P. G. Brown, Charles Branch, Harry Evans, Aden Kropp, A. J. Mitchell, J. A. McDonald, John Negley, J. P. Robinson, H. E. Roberts, John Sneider, T. J. Stone, Thomas Wheeler, John W. Wilson.
- WAUKEGAN No. 41.—Robert Beatty, John C. Grant, Harris Look, Joseph Palmer, Henry S. Pratt, James Pridham.
- WASHINGTON No. 43.—D. J. Avery, Henry Baker, George Campbell, C. M. Cass, C. F. Donovan, William H. Estep, T. D. Fitch, Franz Fisher, R. S. Flournoy, Henry L. Gay, Herbert Goodridge, A. J. Guilford, Isaiah Greenacre, Henry Holland, W. J. Hopkins, Robert Hamilton, Leonard Herting, C. H. Jennison, Robert E. Jones, Theodore Jowain, James M. Leslie, Herman Kelterstrass, J. Q. Mason, R. D. Mallett, C. C. Pillsbury, O. A. Pelton, Lucius Stratton, Joseph Thielen, Nicholas Thomas, George F. Sinclair, John W. Thomas, Paul Zeimsen, George E. White.
- GALESBURG No. 46.—P. F. Brown, C. H. J. Charvat, W. G. Hasked, T. W. Heath, L. C. Parker, F. S. Zumbro.
- KEWANEE No. 47.—H. H. Cappell, H. N. Gilman, G. W. Harkness, A. T. Johnson, J. B. Moffit, A. E. Matteson, T. E. Milchrist, J. F. Todd, H. White.
- MARKWELL No. 48.—W. J. Britten, W. H. Reese, W. B. Warsley.
- CHAMPAIGN No. 50.—Nat. Green, W. R. Morse, J. C. Oliver.
- JO DAVIESS No. 51.—T. E. Armitstead, T. Burkhard, Ed. Courtney, William Casey, W. S. Crummer, E. H. Downing, S. Hawkins, N. R. Holder, J. W. Luke, William Martin, J. D. Pryor, L. A. Rowley.
- DEKALB No. 52.—E. A. Barus, S. W. Branscom, J. J. Conslee, Thomas Corking, S. A. Hall, R. Hevener, C. F. Spooner, Frank Scripter, H. B. Sanbourn.

- NACHUSA No. 56.— John K. Burket, Nathan McGary, Henry C. Mellon, Charles M. Nichols, John V. Thomas, George W. Turner.
- STERLING No. 57.— W. H. Covey, J. W. Stewart, L. L. Scott.
- GOODBRAKE No. 59.— John T. Carle, D. G. Kent, John Longstreet, D. McArthur, C. A. Quirell, John Walker.
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- BEMENT No. 65.— John Ercanbrack, H. Haldeman, F. A. Jones, J. R. Nelson, G. H. Sanford, G. M. Turner.
- TUSCOLA No. 66.— Allen Campbell, J. H. Ervin, P. W. Hudson, L. B. Logan, Ben. Reinherner, J. S. Wyeth.
- VIENNA No. 67.— Wilson Brown, H. W. Merse, George Parker.
- CANTON No. 68.— M. Manning, C. T. Newcomb, G. B. Slack.
- CORINTHIAN No. 69.— E. Albert, C. S. Brown, C. H. Brennan, W. H. Butler, E. J. Dilaanthy, A. J. Dox, F. Gorason, P. G. Gardner, George Howison, John Ives, F. H. Mathews, S. J. Pope, J. C. Salisbury, D. D. Schroeder, W. A. Searls, J. Knight, G. Y. Thompson, J. T. Vantwoud.
- MARSHALL No. 70.— J. C. Smith, Eth. Sutton, Robert Williamson.
- CAIRO No. 71.— W. A. Beebe, Charles Fenn, H. G. Hagey, S. T. McBride, J. A. Phillis, P. G. Schut, F. L. Thompson, J. C. B. Tabour, E. C. Uhl.
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- CARROLLTON No. 77.— D. D. Clark, D. M. Castellan, Silas Carrico, G. C. Chalk, B. B. Hamilton, T. G. Jefferies, L. R. Lakin, J. J. McClimans, A. E. Miller, Henry Ober, W. H. Rhodes, H. C. Sieverling, W. P. Worcester.
- MENDOTA No. 79.— L. Goodwin, C. A. Hawley, Benjamin Moss.
- LOUISVILLE No. 81.— D. M. Laswell, A. Pickthall, J. M. Wood.
- VERMILION No. 82.— B. E. Bandy, George A. Hart, Edmund Long, J. P. Norvell, L. P. Palmer, Jr., W. F. Townsend.
- H. G. REYNOLDS No. 84.— Charles Brown, Felix Hughs, W. E. Nixon, George Richardson, Henry Seymour, Philip Stone.
- MATTOON No. 85.— H. S. Bridwell, R. Cunningham, Jesse S. Cox, Taylor Arterbury, Denison Prunson, Thomas Donnell, H. H. Eager, Eli Jones, J. A. Montigue, T. H. B. Snedeker, Frederick Turner, Philemon Thomas.
- HAVANA No. 86.— George Hoagland, E. J. Mill, O. H. Shearer.
- BARRY No. 88.— D. Clingingsmith, G. W. Leggett, R. M. Murry.
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- CENTRALIA No. 93.— R. D. Osley, Saul J. Smith, Charles H. Welch.
- HOMER No. 94.— J. M. Custer, James Farley, J. S. Frantz.
- RABONI No. 93.— W. S. Allison, F. M. Sykes, L. R. Sykes.
- L. L. MUNN No. 96.— D. W. Brown, George Clarkson, E. G. Hammond, R. D. Fish, J. C. Lewis, George Preston, H. T. Plummer, William Todd, A. W. Wilborn.
- TAZEWELL No. 97.— John Burky, Frank Smith, Peter Walling.

- FAIRBURY No. 99.— Demas Elliott, A. Greenwood, Emery Gregg, T. L. Hunt, William Ireland, E. T. Messinger, Albert D. Oleny, M. Stonehocker, H. W. Weaver.
- MARION No. 100.— Marion Culbreth, W. R. Hall, P. J. McIntroff, John G. Newton, M. F. Wilson, W. S. C. Walker.
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- TAYLORVILLE No. 102.— A. W. Hammer, F. M. Hewett, J. A. Hill, Henry Kirk, Garvin Ralston, D. S. Wolfkeil.
- STALEY No. 103.— A. C. Campbell, G. Douglas, Thomas Lonegan, R. Morrison, J. H. Thiers, W. A. Young.
- CLAYTON No. 104.— E. Hennick, W. J. McDonald, J. A. Smith.
- BELLEVILLE No. 106.— Charles Bonnell, W. A. Bornman, James Gall, M. G. Nixon, L. Williams, John Woods.
- SANDWICH No. 107.— J. S. Bass, Curry, R. R., William Delano, C. A. David, A. P. Dixon, G. Goodman, C. A. Gillett, F. E. Hills, H. A. Johnson, H. Moore, J. T. Powell, I. T. Poplin, J. J. Rarick, R. C. Thompson, C. E. Wright.
- FULTON No. 108.— Joseph Barnes, R. M. Brewer, Charles Bent, George H. Fay, Moses A. Green, Noah Green, A. B. Gibbs, Samuel A. Hall, Edwin Hathaway, George W. Hamilton, Horatio N. Holman, Edward Leigh, Joseph Milnes, John A. Melendy, David Merritt, Marx Kahn, John Pope, George W. Sweet, Oliver Southebery, N. M. Y. Ustick, Warren Wilder.
- NEWTON No. 109.— W. C. Alexander, John A. Brown, John G. Bliss, James M. Honery, C. M. Markwell, H. D. Yelvington.
- DALLAS No. 111.— William Logan, Theophulus Mack, Samuel Simmons.
- NEW RUTLAND No. 112.— Samuel Briggs, S. L. Bailey, C. V. Dubois, J. P. Kellen, H. Statler, J. D. Webber.
- FORD No. 113.— John M. Birney, David Guthman, James M. Moore, W. H. Musgrove, L. F. Miller, N. A. Waterman.
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- PALATINE No. 117.— J. F. Abbott, H. Schirding, W. H. H. Thomas.
- MILTON No. 118.— Wm. Cumby, W. H. Long, Jas. Williamson.
- DEWITT No. 119.— M. S. Eby, Robert Hornback, E. R. Jones, Daniel Rule, John A. Rule, F. Wilkinson.
- MT. PULASKI No. 121.— R. F. Ayers, P. L. Corby, Wm. Daniels, W. S. Mendenhall, F. V. Nicholson, Frank Sloan.
- CHILLICOTHE No. 123.— Daniel Hitchcock, E. F. Humphrey, L. C. Rose.
- W. M. EGAN No. 126.— Edwin Green, T. Handyside, Valentine Rosp, A. Repslausky, Chas. Luker, W. H. Lewis, J. T. Mathews, S. Mendelsohn, J. Moore, E. Miller, Charles Priess, Charles Ross, F. Shewell, W. Sanderson, W. H. Snyder, J. Walker, J. Warsow, E. F. Newell.
- CHICAGO No. 127.— Jas. Campbell, W. R. Day, Philo G. Dodge, Chas. Hausser, Geo. S. Middleton, David C. Wallace.

- SULLIVAN No. 128. — C. C. Clark, Daniel Caufield, Abram Hiller, R. M. Miller, Davis Ritter, A. R. Scott, D. F. Stearns, Milton Fitchnor, A. Wyman.
- NATHAN WHITNEY No. 129. — John M. Crawford, Leroy G. Fish, John J. Hodges, Robert Rae, Charles Reed, Oscar A. Warren.
- MACKEY No. 130. — Aug. Antonet, J. W. Baldwin, J. T. Baldwin, J. A. Callahan, J. P. Holmes, R. Pauke, Charles Reidel, John T. Harper, Chas. Tucker, W. E. Williamson, L. O. Young, Jno. Zanies.
- PAYSON No. 131. — W. R. Brink, L. Hoffman, J. G. Hinkle, D. W. Orr, B. E. Pittman, J. D. McCrellias, Calvin Nell, W. H. Seehan, L. F. Waldon.
- GIRARD No. 132. — W. N. Babcock, P. Magoon, W. E. Ryan.
- WYOMING No. 133. — C. Collier, J. Frazer, Geo. W. Nicholas, E. O. Swift, J. K. Weller, W. Williams.
- PERRY No. 135. — James Dobbins, John A. Merrill, Milton L. Tull.
- LANARK No. 139. — Geo. W. Ashton, Geo. H. Baker, J. L. McAlister.
- JERSEYVILLE No. 140. — W. S. Brinton, J. K. Baker, J. C. Buckles, S. B. Clapp, Richard Chapple, H. D. Edwards, J. T. Grimes, J. B. Hamilton, E. A. Pinerio, C. P. Stafford, B. Stafford, Jr., S. W. Tolman.
- WILMINGTON No. 142. — H. W. Blood, V. Banyard, C. W. Barnhart, W. W. Clark, Charles Copps, C. R. Charlton, A. Gooding, C. Stow, T. J. Wickey.
- CHENOA No. 143. — Jacob Ballinger, G. W. Knotts, Wm. Peters.
- EVANSTON No. 144. — J. A. Budling, S. H. Burhaus, W. J. Brewster, A. J. Demming, W. A. Eldridge, W. P. Gray, E. G. Hooke, A. D. Lindsey, J. M. Lyons, A. S. Osgood, P. J. S. Staymaker, H. Sweetser, J. W. Tope, D. K. Vail, J. Walsh.
- LINCOLN No. 147. — Samuel Johnson, Hugh Sharon, Levi Rosenthal.
- UNION PARK No. 148. — S. J. Avery, P. T. Burtis, J. D. McKay.
- ROBINSON No. 149. — Joel M. Longencke.
- NEOGA No. 150. — H. A. Aldrich, George W. Crocket, Ewing Houchin, John G. Shea, George W. Wilson, F. D. Voris.
- ROCK RIVER No. 151. — J. Cheshire, J. J. Cook, Chas. Grondenberg, Henry Rolfe, David Sheaff, J. W. Walker.
- TECUMSEH No. 152. — Wesley C. Bridges, Thomas M. Brawner, Stephen Case, James R. Clark, James E. Morrison, Charles Slade.
- OAKLAND No. 153. — J. W. Clement, S. W. Menaugh, M. J. Miller, Cyrus Rutherford, M. B. Valodin, J. T. West.
- FLORA No. 154. — O. N. Clark, M. B. Fletcher, Matthew Law, Andrew Lebus, E. C. Park, J. F. Shadwell.

ADMITTED.

- LAFAYETTE No. 2. — Edwin R. Catlin.
- JACKSONVILLE No. 3. — David Rowe.
- QUINCY No. 5. — W. M. Baxter, Geo. V. Bristol, J. H. Thompson.
- PEORIA No. 7. — W. W. Estabrook, A. M. Studen, Geo. C. Yale.
- BARRETT No. 18. — Isaac Cool, J. W. Matthews, J. G. Mangold.
- MACON No. 21. — F. M. Cox, Wm. H. Wilson.

- FREEPORT No. 23.—C. E. Crain.
WINNEBAGO No. 24.—Walter S. Wilkins.
BLOOMINGTON No. 25.—C. H. Butterfield, M. S. Stout.
JOLIET No. 27.—J. D. Jenkins, J. J. Mather.
CLARKE No. 29.—Daniel Baker.
ORIENT No. 31.—H. H. C. Miller.
CARTHAGE No. 33.—William Griffin.
WOODSTOCK No. 35.—D. C. Green, Wm. E. Smith.
RICHLAND No. 38.—G. C. Brown, Wright Kenner, James C. Monk.
WAUKEGAN No. 41.—Geo. W. Fay, D. J. Hubbard, Joseph F. Ingals.
WASHINGTON No. 43.—W. W. Borland, Henry Titus.
GALESBURG No. 46.—J. H. Bell, F. Egan, D. B. Manly, J. C. Scroggs.
CHAMPAIGN No. 50.—S. B. J. Bryant, Jas. O'Brien.
STERLING No. 57.—I. J. Cook.
GOODBRAKE No. 59.—W. A. Finley.
MONTGOMERY No. 63.—C. W. Bliss.
SALEM No. 64.—G. W. Williams.
TUSCOLA No. 66.—C. N. Olmsted.
CORINTHIAN No. 69.—A. S. Wadhams.
CAIRO No. 71.—John Antrim.
CARROLLTON No. 69.—Thomas McEwin.
MATTOON No. 85.—M. E. Cazalet, Fred. P. Rose.
NASHVILLE No. 89.—W. S. Pease.
KISHWAUKEE No. 90.—I. B. Geddes, John H. Loper.
CENTRALIA No. 93.—Alex. E. Young.
HOMER No. 94.—M. Conkey.
TAYLORVILLE No. 102.—Samuel H. Mosler.
STALEY No. 103.—M. R. Ray.
CLAYTON No. 104.—H. Porter Coe.
NEWTON No. 109.—Samuel Miller.
WATSEKA No. 114.—Zaccheus Beatty.
ELLIOT No. 120.—A. W. Cram.
CHILLICOTHE No. 123.—Thomas Alexander.
CHICAGO No. 127.—Wm. King, H. H. Seymour, H. S. Tiffany.
SULLIVAN No. 128.—George E. Millen.
NATHAN WHITNEY No. 129.—Delos A. Baxter.
PAYSON No. 131.—David Sheer.
MT. STERLING No. 137.—John Harper.
LANARK No. 139.—E. T. E. Becker.
JERSEYVILLE No. 140.—A. Calhoun, J. G. Erwin, Fred. Giers, J. W. Phillips,
J. F. Simms.
WILMINGTON No. 142.—H. B. Elliott, D. J. Merriman.

REINSTATED.

MT. ZION No. 12.—Jonathan Allen, S. G. Boyd.
 EUCLID No. 13.—Clinton Beach, S. R. Morse.
 FRANKLIN No. 15.—Wm. Gill, Samuel Miller.
 HERMAN No. 16.—I. F. Goble, Benj. Kirk.
 MORSE No. 19.—C. P. Whitten.
 FREEPORT No. 23.—A. Hedburgh.
 ORIENT No. 31.—John Gibson.
 EDGAR No. 32.—Silas B. Shrader.
 WAUKEGAN No. 41.—John M. Price.
 MATTOON No. 85.—Joseph Goode.
 HAVANA No. 8.—J. B. Millun.
 SALEY No. 103.—M. G. Gorsuch.
 MT. STERLING No. 137.—T. W. Dunkesen.

DIMITTED.

SPRINGFIELD No. 1.—Abba Gross, F. P. Rose, Jno. R. Tyson, H. G. Reynolds, Jr.
 LAFAYETTE No. 2.—James E. Dalliba, F. H. Benson, L. E. Bullock, B. F. Quimby.
 JACKSONVILLE No. 3.—Perry Bennett, James Daniels, A. A. Dewey, Thomas Hine, J. L. Simms.
 HOREB No. 4.—H. C. Adcock, Henry Jacobi, E. Sill.
 QUINCY No. 5.—S. G. Cabbell, Thomas Tripp.
 PEORIA No. 7.—Geo. Billings, Wm. Gray, A. G. Irvine, J. R. Manning, Thomas T. Randolph, Charles Spalding.
 ALTON No. 8.—D. C. Ritter.
 FOX RIVER No. 14.—A. H. Barry, C. N. Harvey, J. H. Tuthill, F. C. Whipple, S. J. Wright.
 FRANKLIN No. 15.—J. B. Randle, C. C. Rigsbee.
 HERMAN No. 16.—J. F. Grable, Benj. Kirk, John Patten.
 MORSE No. 19.—G. W. Burpee, W. N. Hughey, J. F. Morris, W. C. Steinmetz, E. R. Wright.
 FREEPORT No. 23.—A. Hedbury, J. S. W. May, F. G. Welch.
 WINNEBAGO No. 24.—E. T. E. Becker, H. H. Dean, D. T. Dickson, E. J. Harken, H. J. Randall, Walter Van Alstine.
 BLOOMINGTON No. 26.—Jacob Feisel, M. Goffdori, R. H. Read, W. W. Ross.
 JOLIET No. 27.—Wm. Blackford, H. H. C. Miller, W. H. Weedell, E. Van Buren.
 PRINCETON No. 28.—John W. Miller, Ira A. Seaver, W. A. Smith.
 WARREN No. 30.—W. C. Robinson, H. E. Root, George West.
 ORIENT No. 31.—John Gibson.
 EDGAR No. 32.—John Boon, John H. Harding, Johnson Ross, W. M. Reed, F. McNanny.
 WOODSTOCK No. 36.—G. R. Bassett.
 SHABONA No. 37.—F. B. Chapman, W. W. Estabrook, John T. Lamb, Ed. M. Wade, Q. D. Whitman.

- RICHLAND No. 38.—P. J. Raymond, John C. Scott.
- WAUKEGAN No. 41.—Wallace S. Buell, Henry W. Lamb, Robert Trott.
- WASHINGTON No. 43.—A. E. Cutler, Jacob Henrichs, Chas. H. Felton, W. J. Pickering, Charles Sellech, R. H. Sinclair, C. F. Foerster, A. H. Heald, G. F. Letz, G. P. Randall.
- DUQUOIN No. 44.—R. R. Towns.
- EGYPTIAN No. 45.—J. H. Dodson, E. A. Mesler, W. P. Mesler.
- GALESBURG No. 46.—J. L. Dewey, R. H. Whiting, W. G. Haskell, J. P. Weston.
- KEWANEE No. 47.—A. Thornton.
- MARKWELL No. 48.—James Johnson.
- SYCAMORE No. 49.—S. F. Dow, Nelson Perry, Chas. Waite, C. W. Wyllys, G. B. Wiseman.
- DE KALB No. 52.—E. A. Barns, J. E. Lawther, J. D. Lott, S. C. Ingraham, G. W. Swift.
- KEYSTONE No. 54.—S. Livingston.
- JACKSON No. 55.—G. W. Cross, John Reynolds, Solomon Stelgeboren.
- NACHUSA No. 56.—Geo. M. Dwight, Lewis Haswell, Joseph E. Hitt, Geo. M. McKenney, Wm. J. Mix, James F. Marsh, H. P. Sargent.
- STERLING No. 57.—A. J. Jackson.
- CEMENT No. 58.—E. D. Hartshorn, W. L. R. Johnson, W. H. Meserve.
- GOODBRAKE No. 59.—L. H. Cope.
- TYRIAN No. 61.—H. L. Currier, John Bloomington, Peter Moline, S. Y. Perce, John Ruggles, Jr., G. R. Skinner, Joshua Thorp, G. R. Wells.
- LEBANON No. 62.—C. W. Bliss, E. L. French, S. D. McCaughey, C. W. Seaman.
- MONTGOMERY No. 63.—Jas. R. Cowell, S. T. Dubois, M. V. Easterday, M. W. Trawley, W. S. Hooper, W. P. Johnson, Sam'l Mossler.
- SALEM No. 64.—L. Badolet, G. W. Rawson.
- BEMENT No. 65.—Wm. Stilwell.
- TUSCOLA No. 66.—G. C. Olmstead.
- CANTON No. 68.—H. Hill, T. Linsley, A. G. Maple, M. Manning, T. Newsam, C. A. Richardson.
- CORINTHIAN No. 69.—W. V. Thwing.
- MARSHALL No. 70.—A. R. Husten.
- CAIRO No. 71.—J. P. Heley, W. H. Hitchcock.
- AUGUSTA No. 72.—Jas. M. Carroll, Wm. Griffin, J. W. Hall, A. E. McNeal, J. O. Martin, F. D. Stanton.
- LANSING No. 73.—Mat. W. Borland, James Ferguson, James B. Perry.
- CARROLLTON No. 77.—A. Calhoun, J. W. English, Fred. Gier, M. J. Hall, J. G. Irwin, W. E. Pitt, J. E. Vanpelstt.
- KANKAKEE No. 78.—M. F. Metz.
- MENDOTA No. 79.—Geo. M. Black, H. C. Bristol, W. F. Bromfield, S. T. Emerson, C. H. Gilman, W. S. Harrington, W. H. Haight, Geo. Hetzler, Jacob Metz, M. H. Plumb.
- LOUISVILLE, No. 81.—S. M. Plant, Tho. M. Rogers.
- H. G. REYNOLDS No. 84.—H. Jones, H. C. Kettler, M. S. Ray.

- MATTOON No. 85.—Joseph Goode, Thos. H. Smith, T. M. Vining.
 HAVANA No. 86.—Henry Biggs, J. H. Johnson, J. B. Millun.
 EFFINGHAM No. 87.—David P. Barr.
 BARRY No. 88.—A. J. Miller, J. F. Richards.
 NASHVILLE No. 89.—I. J. Clark, S. T. Howard, J. H. Mitchell, Eliza Offit, T. M. Seawell.
 CENTRALIA No. 93.—Wm. S. Pease, R. J. Hoffman.
 L. L. MUNN No. 96.—W. B. Wilcox.
 TAZEWELL No. 97.—Geo. C. Yale.
 EUREKA No. 98.—G. W. Martin.
 FAIRBURY No. 99.—J. S. Brellhart, E. Filley, E. H. Sweetser.
 MARION No. 100.—U. T. Ferrell, Jas. Lockheart.
 METROPOLITAN No. 101.—Morriss Maxton, Wm. Smith.
 STALEY No. 103.—J. Stilwaugh.
 LENA No. 105.—S. G. Storer.
 BELLEVILLE No. 106.—Jacob F. Brinkerhoff.
 FULTON No. 108.—Jonathan Cool, Isaac Cool, Jno. K. Glasscock.
 NEWTON No. 109.—Manuel Beaver, John H. Halley, Geo. Schawthon.
 WOODFORD No. 110.—Geo. Kinnear.
 DALLAS No. 111.—T. H. B. Walker.
 NEW RUTLAND No. 112.—A. O. Damon.
 FORD No. 113.—J. Y. Campbell, W. K. Swallow, Miller Wait, A. O. Whiting.
 MILTON No. 118.—Thomas McEwin.
 DEWITT No. 119.—Charles Atterbury, R. A. Gaunt.
 ELLIOTT No. 120.—L. D. Bennett, Jno. W. Phillips, P. A. C. Stevens.
 MT. PULASKI No. 121.—Thos. G. Gardner, D. A. Grimes, Wm. Gessner, F. S. Selly, Geo. W. Parker.
 ODIN No. 122.—H. S. DePew, C. M. Johnson, Joseph Temple.
 SANGAMON No. 124.—John C. Reynolds.
 W. M. EGAN No. 126.—W. H. King.
 CHICAGO No. 127.—Hugh Logan, J. J. Parkhurst, E. F. Pierce.
 NATHAN WHITING No. 129.—Wm. M. Beverly, Boardman B. Earle, W. D. Forbes, Robert Ray.
 PAYSON No. 131.—M. Nichols, F. J. Urech.
 GIRARD No. 132.—Wm. Carlin, J. T. Holden.
 VANDALIA No. 136.—Benj. F. Stanton.
 MT. STERLING No. 137.—J. S. Hamburg, J. H. Smith.
 JERSEYVILLE No. 140.—J. D. Russell.
 CHENOA No. 143.—I. P. McKnight, H. R. Perkins.
 EVANSTON No. 144.—A. J. Swartz.
 LINCOLN No. 147.—Geo. W. Martling.

DIED.

- SPRINGFIELD No. 1.—C. B. Keasy.
 LAFAYETTE No. 2.—Clark W. Russell, Lyman W. Rouse.
 JACKSONVILLE No. 3.—Cyrus Matthews.

- HOREB No. 4.—G. W. Gale.
QUINCY No. 5.—John Steinagel.
PEORIA No. 7.—Wm. G. Condit.
ALTON No. 8.—B. Elble, Wm. Jarrett.
FOX RIVER No. 14.—B. B. Payne, A. T. Muzzy, A. Palmer, W. C. Taylor.
MORSE No. 19.—J. Cunningham.
MACON No. 21.—Wm. Dewees.
AURORA No. 22.—A. M. Hobbs, Stephen Mundy, C. N. Wadsworth.
FREEPORT No. 23.—S. P. Frazier.
BLOOMINGTON No. 26.—Wm. Gourley.
JOLIET No. 27.—Chas. A. Austin.
PRINCETON No. 28.—Darius Fisher, Ozias Simmons.
WARREN No. 30.—B. A. Cox.
ORIENT No. 81.—H. Benjamin.
EDGAR No. 32.—Lewis McLean.
CARTHAGE No. 33.—Geo. M. Child, D. W. Browning.
SHABONA No. 37.—George H. Schneider.
RICHLAND No. 38.—A. B. Morgan.
WASHINGTON No. 43.—James H. Wright, Jr.
DUQUOIN No. 44.—G. H. Ford, Wm. King, W. E. Smith.
SYCAMORE No. 49.—H. A. Jarvis.
JO DAVIESS No. 51.—Sam'l Cook, J. A. Scroggs, U. F. Wright.
NACHUSA No. 56.—Lawrence N. Chamberlain, Wm. K. Palmer.
TYRIAN No. 61.—F. H. McNeill.
MONTGOMERY No. 63.—John R. Barry, Rolla Williams.
SALEM No. 64.—John Thomas.
TUSCOLA No. 66.—H. C. Carico, J. E. Tourtelott.
VIENNA No. 67.—J. M. Carter, J. B. Smith.
CANTON No. 68.—J. M. Moore.
CORINTHIAN No. 69.—J. W. Congdon.
MARSHALL No. 70.—Sam'l Kimlan.
AUGUSTA No. 72.—James McCoy.
KANKAKEE No. 78.—L. A. McKinsty.
VERMILION No. 82.—John B. Lickert.
H. G. REYNOLDS No. 84.—Davis Smith.
MATTOON No. 85.—Jas. O. Bell, W. E. Morris.
HAVANA No. 86.—David Sollenbarger.
HOMER No. 94.—Wm. Black.
RABONI No. 95.—Silas Bruce, Chas. Stevens.
TAZEWELL No. 97.—J. W. Rae.
EUREKA No. 98.—Chas. H. Stevens.
FAIRBURY No. 99.—N. C. Peckham.
TAYLORVILLE No. 102.—F. M. Hewett.
STALEY No. 103.—James Milne.
SANDWICH No. 107.—G. F. Pauck.
NEWTON No. 109.—B. W. Harris.

DALLAS No. 111.—Joseph Carman, Michael McCarty.
 NEW RUTLAND No. 112.—A. B. Alford, J. W. Brook.
 FORD No. 113.—F. M. Hall.
 ODIN No. 122.—J. Banister.
 CHICAGO No. 127.—N. W. Harlan.
 MACKEY No. 130.—H. W. Sample.
 JERSEYVILLE No. 140.—Andrew Jackson.
 WILMINGTON No. 142.—Joseph R. Randall.
 NEOGA No. 150.—James A. Bell, John Lewis, Jos. Richardson.

EXPELLED.

FOX RIVER No. 14.—William Van Nortrick.
 SHABBONA No. 37.—William E. Bell, Jacob Smith.
 LEBANON No. 62.—W. H. Whittaker.
 MONTGOMERY No. 63.—Peter C. Wood.
 H. G. REYNOLDS No. 65.—John Dean.
 AUGUSTA No. 72.—C. E. Petrie.
 CARROLLTON No. 77.—A. C. Reno.
 LOUISVILLE No. 81.—George W. Henry.
 AUBURN No. 92.—C. B. Hoadley.
 METROPOLITAN No. 101.—John T. Challes, Louis A. Lafont.
 SANDWICH No. 107.—William H. Fretts.
 NEW RUTLAND No. 112.—W. O. Parrett.
 DE WITT No. 119.—W. J. Estill.

SUSPENDED.

SPRINGFIELD No. 1.—William Seimens.
 LA FAYETTE No. 2.—John Belfour, T. L. A. Vallaquet.
 JACKSONVILLE No. 3.—A. J. Carson, E. M. M. Clarke, William L. English, D. R. Fitch, H. B. Funk, E. S. Gordon, W. D. Humphrey, G. S. McCartney, Alexander Platt, A. P. Smith, S. P. R. Yaple, S. M. Warner.
 QUINCY No. 5.—William Kinke, W. M. Landon, Isaac Morgan.
 PEORIA No. 7.—W. C. Arnold, George Broad, C. Dominey, J. Hancock, E. J. Jones, Henry Jacobs, Frank Moreno, C. N. Maynard, D. T. N. Sander-son, A. J. Wiley.
 ALTON No. 8.—M. Billing, C. Wiesbach.
 UNION No. 10.—J. N. Gibson.
 MEREDOSIA No. 11.—Thomas Black.
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 ILLINOIS No. 17.—S. W. Thompson.
 BARRETT No. 18.—Elijah Carter.
 FREEPORT No. 23.—C. F. Demuth, M. V. D. Johnson, G. T. Brown.

- WINNEBAGO No. 24.—George Mentzer, G. H. Bush.
WARREN No. 30.—J. B. Randleson.
ORIENT No. 31.—William Humble.
EDGAR No. 32.—Joseph L. Hume.
WOODSTOCK No. 36.—F. W. Hill, W. B. Hill, Fred. W. Smith.
WASHINGTON No. 43.—William Padelford, Jr., R. S. Smith.
JO DAVIESS No. 51.—Oliver Marble, F. S. Kuntz, William Marvin, Wesley Jacobs, A. L. Rogers.
DE KALB No. 52.—R. Duffey, H. Dennison, C. Lowry, B. P. Bemas, J. W. Smull.
NACHUSA No. 56.—Henry S. Palmer.
STERLING No. 57.—Isaac B. Bonnell.
TYRIAN No. 61.—T. H. McClose.
LEBANON No. 62.—James Van Winkle.
MONTGOMERY No. 63.—J. W. Fink.
AUGUSTA No. 72.—W. R. Ewing, Aaron Shiffer, Abel White.
CARROLLTON No. 77.—D. Coddington, W. H. Hudson.
KANKAKEE No. 78.—S. C. Kenaga.
EFFINGHAM No. 87.—W. B. Cooper, John C. Eversman, Presley C. Hankins.
BARRY No. 88.—C. S. Allen.
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NEW RUTLAND No. 112.—Bernard Fowler.
FORD No. 113.—George W. Emery.
ODIN No. 122.—S. C. Guess.
NATHAN WHITNEY No. 129.—Samuel Bennet.
LA HARPE No. 134.—J. P. Kinney, D. H. Peterion.
CHENOA No. 143.—W. C. Arnold.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The Grand Council of High Priests of the State of Illinois, convened agreeably to the Constitution, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Chicago, on Thursday the 24th day of October, A. D. 1872, A. L. 5872, at 6½ o'clock in the afternoon, and opened in Ample Form.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

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| M. E. Comp. | LOYAL L. MUNN..... | Freeport... | No. 23, President. |
| M. E. " | WILEY M. EGAN..... | Chicago.... | " 43, Vice President. |
| M. E. " | J. W. AGARD..... | Wyoming.. | " 33, Chaplain. |
| M. E. " | ARCHIBALD A. GLENN..... | Mt. Sterling | " 137, Herald, P. T. |
| M. E. " | JAMES H. MILES..... | Chicago ... | " 2, M'r Ceremonies. |
| M. E. " | HIRAM W. HUBBARD..... | Centralia .. | " 93, Conductor. |
| M. E. " | JAMES A. HAWLEY..... | Dixon | " 56, Rec'r and Treas. |
| M. E. " | CHARLES FISHER | Springfield | " 1, Steward. |
| M. E. " | AUGUSTUS A. MURRAY..... | Decatur... | " 14, Tyler. |

MEMBERS.

M. E. Comps. P. W. Barclay (71), W. S. Pease (89), R. K. Hawley (124), Daniel Wadsworth (92), N. T. P. Robertson (99), W. W. Fisher (54), B. Mendenhall (111), Geo. E. Lounsbury (74), O. Wilson (74), John F. Burrill (1), A. R. Atkins (43), H. C. Clarke (78), C. Kirkpatrick (45), W. S. Easton (37), James Douglass (103), Geo. E. Monk (62), E. E. Thomas (36), James Thompson (130), W. L. Bromfield (79), H. G. Dearborn (72), H. W. Johnson (44), S. W. Bird (115), Joseph Holland (16), John M. Pearson (8).

The petitions of the following M. E. High Priests were presented and referred to M. E. Comps. James A. Hawley, Hiram W. Hubbard, and Charles Fisher, who reported favorably, and they were duly elected, admitted and anointed to the Order of High Priesthood, to-wit :

G. M. Evatt (5), W. C. Hooker (20), James Walker (22), S. H. Polley (23), B. R. Baughen (26), D. G. Wells (27), N. B. Huff (35), W. Kenner (38), Daniel Brewster (41), J. H. Sanborn (43), John Woodman (69), S. Michaelis (75), F. S. Hatch (78), H. L. Rhodes (93), W. J. A. Delancey (93), John Zimmerman (99), A. N. Lodge (100), A. S. McDowell (104), A. S. Wilderman (106), Hobart

Hamilton (119), James W. Wilson (124), Charles Van Campen (126), W. A. Stevens (127), W. Aldrich (127), G. S. Barstow (127), Geo. E. Miller (128), W. B. Kilner (128), Louis Ziegler (143), W. E. Thorp (151).

The petitions of M. E. Comps. Mathew Holliday (30) and Charles N. Pierce (98) were received and referred, and being reported upon favorably they were declared duly elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood.

On motion of M. E. Comp. Wiley M. Egan, the Treasurer was instructed to pay the bill of M. E. Comp. Charles Fisher, Steward, amounting to five dollars:

On motion the Council proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the choice of the following M. E. Companions, and it was so announced:

OFFICERS.

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| M. E. Comp. | LOYAL L. MUNN |of Freeport | President. |
| M. E. " | WILEY M. EGAN |of Chicago | Vice President. |
| M. E. " | J. W. AGARD |of Wyoming | Chaplain. |
| M. E. " | JAMES H. MILES |of Chicago | Master of Ceremonies. |
| M. E. " | HIRAM W. HUBBARD |of Centralia | Conductor. |
| M. E. " | JOHN M. PEARSON |of Godfrey | Recorder and Treas. |
| M. E. " | CHARLES FISHER |of Springfield | Steward. |
| M. E. " | JAMES A. HAWLEY |of Dixon | Tyler. |

The Recorder and Treasurer reported as follows:

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| Cash on hand October 5, 1871 | | \$ 7 15 |
| Cash received October 24, 1872 | | 15 00 |
| | | <hr/> \$22 15 |
| Less bill of M. E. Comp. Fisher | | 5 00 |
| | | <hr/> \$17 15 |

Paid into the hands of M. E. Comp. John M. Pearson, Treasurer, as per accompanying receipt:

\$17.15.

Received, October 24, 1872, of James A. Hawley, Recorder and Treasurer, Seventeen and 15-100 Dollars.

JOHN M. PEARSON,
Recorder and Treasurer.

The Grand Council of High Priests of the State of Illinois, after prayer by the Chaplain, was closed in Ample Form.

JOHN M. PEARSON,
Recorder.

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ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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| ASA W. BLAKESLEY..... | QUINCY | <i>Grand High Priest.</i> |
| GEORGE E. LOUNSBURY..... | MOUND CITY..... | <i>Deputy Grand High Priest.</i> |
| WILLIAM A. J. DELANCEY | CENTRALIA | <i>Grand King.</i> |
| HASWELL C. CLARKE..... | KANKAKEE..... | <i>Grand Scribe.</i> |
| JAMES H. MILES..... | CHICAGO..... | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| HARRISON DILLS..... | QUINCY..... | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| REV. WILLIAM H. SCOTT | METROPOLIS..... | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| ARTHUR R. ATKINS..... | CHICAGO..... | <i>Grand Captain Host.</i> |
| JAMES C. McMURTRY..... | HENDERSON | <i>Grand Principal Sejourner.</i> |
| EDWARD BLACKSHAW..... | CHAMPAIGN..... | <i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i> |
| GRANVILLE M. EVATT..... | QUINCY..... | <i>Grand Master 3rd Veil.</i> |
| SILAS O. VAUGHAN..... | DE KALB..... | <i>Grand Master 2nd Veil.</i> |
| FRANK B. MASON..... | PAXTON..... | <i>Grand Master 1st Veil.</i> |
| THOMAS H. AGNEW..... | CHICAGO..... | <i>Grand Steward.</i> |
| ARNOLD R. ROBINSON..... | SPRINGFIELD..... | <i>Grand Tyler.</i> |

COMMITTEES.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

M. E. Comps. JAMES A. HAWLEY, A. A. MURRAY, and JOHN M. PEARSON.

MASONIC CORRESPONDENCE.

M. E. Comp. JAMES H. MILES, Grand Secretary; address, 49 South May Street.
E. Comps. WILSON HOAG and F. W. BARCLAY.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois will be held in the city of Chicago, on Thursday, the 30th day of October, A. D. 1873, A. L. 2493, at 10 o'clock A. M.



